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Prices and Prospects.

COKE CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS STILL FAR APART

On Contract Prices for 1915 Though Some Bids are Made.

SLIDING SCALE CONTRACTS

Looked Upon With More Favor Now. Furnacemen Figure on Lower Wages. Foundry Coke is Dull and Sagging. Range of All Prices for the Year.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 25.—The volume of inquiry for furnace coke for the ensuing year has sensibly increased. One contract has been closed on a sliding scale basis for 12,000 tons of coke per month covering first half of the year. Eight other inquiries are out aggregating 15,000 tons monthly. There has been some bidding to and fro, but it is regarded as skirmishing *for position* as to prices, and it is thought that much of this tonnage, which is from merchant furnaces chiefly for first half, may be contracted on the sliding scale basis. The operators are led to consider this basis again, after having buried it long ago, because of the fact that they believe the future price of iron is going to be higher and that coke will follow suit.

The prospective coke buyers are not showing a keen interest, but they are gradually *disclosing their position* by making bids that operators regard as tentative and subject to some increase. It is believed that in several instances operators have quoted $1.75 for the *first six months* of the year, while consumers have spoken of $1.65 for the whole year. If these figures are correct buyers and sellers are very far apart, since it is invariable that in a low market like this the price for the whole year should be 10 or 15 cents higher than for the half year, so that a quotation of $1.75 for the half year would mean $1.85 or $1.90 for the whole year, while a bid of $1.65 for the whole year would be in line with about $1.55 for the half year.

In some quarters it is believed the furnacemen expect a wage reduction in the coke regions by January 1, and are indisposed to buy until the news is out, on the principle that with a wage reduction assured coke prices should decline. It is a case of whether the chicken or the egg came first, since the coke operator would rejoin that, if wages were reduced it would be on account of the lowness of coke prices.

The prompt furnace coke market has shown slightly more activity, several lots being sold for shipment early in the week, chiefly at $1.60. The purchases were probably induced by fears that shipments might be interrupted by the holiday.

Foundry coke is offered for prompt shipment at still lower prices, there being good grades available at $2.15 to consumers or $2 to dealers, and indifferent grades at still lower prices. The highest quotation made is $2.50 and this is purely nominal, being named by certain large interests that have made contracts for the twelvemonth to end June 30 at this figure and it is naturally desirable to protect the contracts by avoiding sales of prompt at lower figures. There is no interest whatever in foundry coke contracts, and the market is quotable at $2.35 to $2.50, the basis on which contracts have been put through.

The market price for prompt furnace coke has declined more than 50 per cent since the beginning of last year, but declines this year have been relatively small. The average prices of prompt furnace and prompt foundry coke have been as follows this year, the figures being averaged from our weekly quotations:

1914	Fur.	Fdy.
January	$1.88	$2.48
February	1.90	2.47
March	1.92	2.46
April	1.90	2.42
May	1.83	2.40
June	1.80	2.40
July	1.75	2.30
August	1.74	2.30
September	1.70	2.25
October	1.65	2.20
November	1.60	2.16

The current market is quotable as follows:

Prompt furnace	$1.60
Contract furnace	$1.65@$1.75
Prompt foundry	$2.00@$2.25
Contract foundry	$2.35@$2.50

The pig iron market is showing more signs of life. Reports are that the Buffalo district has affected large sales of foundry grades, chiefly to Buffalo and New England consumers. In the St. Louis district several large purchases of basic have been made by steel casting interests. The American Steel Foundries has bought 7,500 tons of Valley basic for delivery December to March inclusive to its Sharon and Alliance plants, on the basis of $12.50 at Valley furnaces. Bessemer has been very quiet. The local foundry iron market shows little change in actual transactions, but consumers are taking much more interest, and are expected to put out more liberal inquiries shortly. The market is quotable as follows: Bessemer, $13.75; basic, $12.50; malleable and No. 2 foundry, $12.75 to $13.00; gray forge, $12.50 to $13.75, at Valley furnaces, 95 cents higher delivered Pittsburg.

Fight Increased Fares.

Commuters throughout the state are fighting increased railroad fares.

STEEL PRICES SAGGING BUT PRODUCTION HOLDS

Steel Corporation Booking Good Export Business and Better Buying is Expected Soon.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and *iron situation tomorrow* as follows:

The Buffalo district has had heavy sales of pig iron in the past fortnight, representing two or three months' production of the district at the *present* rate. In *some other* districts there is an improvement in pig iron buying, but on the whole it cannot be said that a regular buying movement has started. The complete prostration of two or three weeks ago has been broken, however. Pig iron prices have been practically stationary since the first of the month, at the lowest level since 1904.

In isolated instances there is slight improvement in the flow of steel orders, but in general there is no change over conditions prevailing two or three weeks ago. The improved sentiment observed in some quarters early in the month has now become general and ought to result in decidedly better buying within a fortnight, if it means anything at all.

Steel prices are sagging in spots, but very slowly. Plates are quotable in all districts on the basis of 1.05c, Pittsburg on orders at all attractive, while 1.10c on shapes and bars is not *firmly adhered to* even at Pittsburg while in the Chicago and eastern districts there is considerable cutting below this basis. Wire products are not quotable above a $1.55 basis. The general average of steel prices is within a few cents a ton as low as in November, 1911, the lowest spot since 1898, while costs are higher than in 1911 through lighter operations and higher wages.

The Steel Corporation's export bookings are now averaging fully 100,000 tons a month, or about as heavy as in the first half of this year. Tin plate export business has been heavy the past few days. One steel mill has already shipped this week several thousand tons on an order for 10,000 tons of ¾ inch rounds for shrapnel and another mill has a somewhat similar order.

MINE MAKES RECORD

Ebensburg No. 1 Produces 102,700 Tons in Single Month.

Ebensburg No. 1 mine of the Ebensburg Coal Company, Colver, Pa., establishes a new record for production in low vein coal. During the month of October they produced 102,700 net tons. When it is considered that this tonnage was produced from a single opening in a seam of coal measuring 3½ feet, it is a remarkable production. There are over 1,000 men employed regularly at this mine.

Existing mine records do not show anything like the October record of No. 1 mine under same conditions. The only mine that has beaten this record in bituminous Pennsylvania is the Vesta No. 4 mine of the Vesta Coal Company, a Jones & Laughlin concern in Allegheny county, but Vesta No. 4 mine is mining the Pittsburg seam of coal, which at this point is from six feet to eight feet high, which disqualifies it in this record.

Jones & Laughlin Company has 2,400 steel mine cars and 31 electric locomotives, *while* at the Ebensburg No. 1 mine there are 1,400 one-ton cars and 12 locomotives. Ebensburg No. 1 mine is increasing its production of coal right along and within a short time *expects to be putting out* 4,500 tons daily.

MUST PASS THE HAT.

Kentucky Mine Owners Need Fund to Meet Legal Fees.

The Kentucky Mine Owners Association will hold a special meeting in Louisville on the evening of December 3. One of the matters to be considered will be the *raising of a fund* to pay for the expenses the association has been put to in the matter of the workmen's compensation act, it having retained attorneys from time to time to represent the association when the law was being prepared and since then, as progress has been made in applying it.

The court of appeals is expected to hand down its decision on the law between now and the date of the meeting so that the members of the association will know where they stand.

STEEL MILLS RESUME.

Two Thousand Men Are Given Work at South Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Two thousand men who were thrown out of employment early last spring returned to work at the South Chicago plant of the Illinois Steel Company today when the rail and structural mills were reopened.

Arthur Young, superintendent of labor at the mills, was authority for the statement that the mills would be running to capacity within a few weeks.

To Make Armor Plate.

The Carbon Steel Company of Pittsburg has recently received an order for 8,000 tons of armor plate one and one-half inches in thickness, *from Europe*, and the plate is to be used for protecting field guns.

Two Mills Closed.

Two mills of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Cambridge, O., have posted notices that the mills will be closed until the first of January, 1915. Eight hundred men will be idle from these plants.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 21, 1914.				WEEK ENDING NOV. 14, 1914.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	20,830	9,586	11,244	106,794	20,830	9,562	11,268	118,274
Lower Connellsville	17,135	7,260	9,875	94,010	17,135	7,078	10,057	88,040
Totals	37,965	16,846	21,119	200,804	37,965	16,640	21,325	206,314
FURNACE OVENS.								
Connellsville	16,627	7,663	8,964	84,190	16,627	7,663	8,964	95,060
Lower Connellsville	5,552	2,660	2,892	30,605	5,552	2,514	3,038	30,265
Totals	22,179	10,323	11,856	114,095	22,179	10,177	12,002	125,325
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	4,203	1,923	2,280	23,304	4,203	1,899	2,304	23,214
Lower Connellsville	11,583	4,600	6,983	63,405	11,583	4,564	7,019	57,775
Totals	15,786	6,523	9,263	86,709	15,786	6,463	9,323	80,989

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 21, 1914.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 14, 1914.
To Pittsburg	1,813 Cars.	2,050 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburg	2,753 Cars.	2,755 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	804 Cars.	865 Cars.
Totals	5,370 Cars.	5,670 Cars.

COAL DEAL RUMORS FOLLOW STORIES OF REVIVING INDUSTRY

$30,000,000 Sale of Greene County Coal is Reported.

J. V. THOMPSON IS INVOLVED

Uniontown Financier Declines to Confirm or Deny Story in Pittsburg Paper that He Has Disposed of All His Holdings in that Big Field.

Along with reported industrial resumptions and other optimistic newspaper information are rumors of some important coal deals. The Belmont county, Ohio, coal field, which is the western portion of the Pittsburg coal seam, is reported to be largely bought up by operating interests, the Cambria Steel Company is said to have extended its coal holdings in that section. In addition to the recent purchases of President Donner in Greene county; and now comes a report that J. V. Thompson and others have closed a deal with an eastern syndicate for the coal under practically the entire northern half of Greene county, something over 40,000 acres, the deal aggregating upwards of $30,000,000. J. V. Thompson would neither affirm nor deny the story, which is herewith given on the authority of the Pittsburg Gazette Times.

"By far the largest single coal land deal ever carried through in West in Pennsylvania was consummated during the past week when J. V. Thompson of Uniontown and his associates, operating in coal acreage in Greene county, sold all the remaining unsold lands north of a line through Waynesburg, to a syndicate of New York capitalists, headed by some of the strongest investment bankers in the country. The deal involves more than 41,000 acres, all underlaid with original Pittsburg seam coal. It is believed the price will approximate between $25,000,000 and $30,000,000. The new owners, it is said, intend holding the property as a reserve coal supply of the Pittsburg seam for associated interests to whom a coal reserve is absolutely necessary. Developments will be made only as these interests find it necessary.

The acreage in question is generally well located, and contiguous, block by block, the remainder of the northern half of the county being owned by the Frick interests, the Steel Corporation, and large coal operating companies. South of Waynesburg the coal deposits are not so attractive as they are deeper and the character of the coal is not of the same standard. Aside from the influence for improvement of this transfer on the existing coal properties of the district, much benefit is expected to come from the elimination of this coal deposit from market competition with existing mining companies. The new syndicate ownership of the coal lands is not composed of any Pittsburg men. It is even stated that the personnel of the organization brings entirely new capital into the coal investment circles of Pennsylvania, but it is powerful and has matured plans for holding this vast supply for future needs.

Owing to the fact that Pittsburg seam coal has been so generally distributed among operating coal companies the reserve supply in Greene county was regarded as one of the last, if not actually the last, free coal tracts of this character that could be relied upon by consumers, especially for the richer fuel suitable for gas manufacture and for coke making. The Thompson interests were the pioneers in recognizing this fact and gathered up thousands of acres in the reserve fields of Greene county. Exhaustion of the older coal operations of Pittsburg began to force concerns to move into the new field. It was not long until the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company became a large purchaser of lands in that new field, being followed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the Lackawanna Steel Company and the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. H. C. Frick recently came into the field individually and invested heavily. The remainder of the acreage in the desirable section was disappearing so rapidly that the Eastern capitalists hurried negotiations for what there was left."

Since the Cambria Steel Company passed from the subsidiary control of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company *to men closely associated* with Henry Clay Frick, that company has been expanding its command of raw material resources. It already owned or held long-term leases upon Lake Superior ore lands, which it recently increased, but, of late, it seems to have been looking to a command of coal acreage with which to assure its future fuel supply. The company recently has taken over a large acreage of coking coal land in the Monongahela valley and now announcement is made that it has taken over and is in possession of the properties of the *Penn-Mary Coal Company in Cambria* and Clearfield counties, formerly owned and operated as a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Steelton.

These properties embrace about 18,000 acres of coal, whereon has been opened seven mines of modern equipment. Two of these mines are new and have not yet been commercially operated. These properties were taken over recently by the Cambria Steel Company whose coal department officers are now in charge of them.

MAY USE FAMOUS ARMOR PROCESS IF PLANT IS BUILT

Mr. Dinkey Tells Government Investigators So, Patents on Them Having Expired.

After holding an open hearing at the offices of the Carnegie Steel Company in the Carnegie Building, yesterday the special congressional committee investigating the feasibility of building a government armor plate *plant*, left Pittsburg last evening for Philadelphia.

Several of the officials of the Carnegie company were sworn, but President A. C. Dinkey was the only person examined, it *being* announced that questions would be mailed to the others. The only point of especial interest brought out at the hearing was the admission of President Dinkey that the government, in case the plant is constructed, can use the Harvey, Krupp and other armor plate processes without *risk of prosecution* as all the patents on these processes have expired. This was elicited in answer to the question of Senator Benjamin R. Tillman. The other members of the committee, Congressman L. P. Padgett and Admiral Joseph Strauss, also questioned Mr. Dinkey, but as their queries called for detailed information he asked that he be allowed to answer them later, when he will have gathered the facts. No estimate as to the cost of the plant was ventured.

In Philadelphia the committee will inspect the Midvale Steel Company's *plant*, and hold another meeting, after which they will do the same at the Bethlehem Steel plant at South Bethlehem, Pa.

MORE RETRENCHMENT

West Penn Dispatchers Will Also Count the Money Hereafter

As part of its retrenchment policy, the West Penn railroad has decided to combine the offices of dispatcher and cashier. *Beginning today* Dispatcher Charles Michael will receive the money of the conductors as they make *their daily reports*.

Cashier David M. Flick will be transferred to the office of Auditor C. A. Parbough. For the past week he has been working with the dispatcher *familiarizing* him with the work. If the new system works out successfully, it may be continued *permanently*.

Expects Expo Business.

The Northern Pacific has placed orders for 117 new steel cars which are to be used in the increased traffic next year on account of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The new cars will cost about $20,000 each.

COKE TRADE NOW HOPEFUL, BUT ITS RECOVERY IS SLOW

Unmistakable Signs of an Upward Movement are Apparent.

PIG IRON MOVEMENT HEAVIER

There Must, However, Be a Decided Spurt Before Connellsville Operators Can Hope to Profit to Any Great Extent; Prices Are Firmer.

"One swallow does not make a summer," and the firing of a few hundred coke ovens does not, in the opinion of the Cleveland *Daily Iron Trade*, guarantee a prompt revival of the Connellsville coke trade. Hope there is undoubtedly and plenty. There's a feeling that we are on bottom and that the next movement will be upward, but just how soon and how rapidly does not yet, in the view of the iron and steel trade organ appear. Commenting on the weekly review of the coke trade by The Courier, it says:

"Connellsville coke operators have been taking heart of hope, and inaugurated what looks like a little spurt in production. So far as can be seen at this moment there does not appear to be a real lively market reason for increasing the output of coke at this time. Sales of prompt fuel have been *few* and infrequent of late, but it is known some negotiations are pending for next year's delivery. It has not become known as yet that any additional blast furnaces are being relighted in any *section of the country*, particularly in those districts dependent for their fuel upon the Connellsville regions.

"However, unmistakable signs are noted at such leading pig iron *selling* centers as Chicago, Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Buffalo as well as in the eastern *section* including New York and Philadelphia, of the revival of interest in the iron market. Foundries have been buying for immediate needs in small lots, it is true, but the aggregate of these small lots makes fair tonnages at each of these centers. This activity has arisen at the expense of *prices* and *in some* cases the usual market conditions have been complicated somewhat by the appearance of steel works stocks as sellers in the open market. However, more iron is moving from furnaces today than *one* month ago, and as a general thing inquiries continue to come out, this showing that *needs* of buyers have not been satisfied as yet. Neither buyers nor sellers appear greatly interested in pig iron prices for first quarter or first half of next year and both are fighting *shy of being* tied up with long-time contracts. However, some sellers at Buffalo have sold for first quarter at $12, furnace, but no longer are willing to sell for first half at that price. Some Southern *makers* have quoted $10.25 and even $10.50, Birmingham, for next year's delivery, but none claims *to* have closed for tonnages at either of those figures.

"The market is encouraged somewhat by the evident movement in pig iron. But everyone knows it will require a much heavier movement of pig iron to induce higher prices; and prices must go considerably higher than they are today *before additional* blast furnaces will be lighted. Whether the coke market will benefit much from the present *pig* iron market improvement, or before more blast furnaces are blown in, is a question."

Barb Wire Orders from Europe.

The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Works and the Republic Iron & Steel Company have received orders for barb wire from European belligerents.

Dates are Changed.

The West Virginia Coal Mining Institute meeting at Huntington, W. Va., for December 9 and 10 has been changed to December 10 and 11.

Production and Output.

THE UPPER CONNELLSVILLE AND GREENSBURG REGIONS

Standing Pat on an Output of 30,000 Tons Weekly With Varying Markets.

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville regions are standing pat at 30,000 tons output weekly, but it is no longer equally divided between the eastern and western markets, due to the fact that the Greensburg district seems to have dropped some of its western business reducing its output materially and making the *preponderance of output for eastern* shipment.

The shipments in tons from these districts for the week ending Saturday, November 21, were as follows:

District	East	West	Total
Upper Conn.	8,216	9,887	18,103
Greensburg	8,640	3,361	12,001
Totals	16,856	13,248	30,104

The shipments from these districts for 1914 to date were as follows:

Week.		East.	West.	Total.
Jan.	3	11,882	20,660	32,542
Jan.	10	15,050	19,311	34,361
Jan.	17	15,814	17,934	33,748
Jan.	24	15,729	23,632	39,361
Jan.	31	15,799	23,697	39,496
Feb.	7	22,401	19,001	41,402
Feb.	14	17,675	17,607	35,282
Feb.	21	16,538	21,086	37,624
Feb.	28	14,971	22,798	37,769
Mar.	7	12,798	26,161	38,959
Mar.	14	16,800	27,540	44,340
Mar.	21	16,610	25,172	41,782
Mar.	28	22,950	21,881	44,831
Apr.	4	19,425	25,806	45,231
Apr.	11	19,848	26,712	46,560
Apr.	18	18,516	28,506	47,022
Apr.	25	17,773	24,862	42,635
May	2	15,726	26,514	42,240
May	9	17,136	25,805	42,941
May	16	18,048	20,171	38,219
May	23	16,031	18,160	34,191
May	30	15,867	18,076	33,943
June	6	16,172	17,702	33,874
June	13	17,310	16,072	33,382
June	20	17,110	16,749	33,859
June	27	18,122	16,181	34,303
July	4	17,046	18,780	35,826
July	11	18,829	18,797	37,626
July	18	19,778	18,886	38,664
July	25	19,285	19,202	38,487
Aug.	1	18,893	20,685	39,578
Aug.	8	18,807	19,190	37,997
Aug.	15	16,698	21,202	37,900
Aug.	22	17,520	18,581	36,101
Aug.	29	18,155	17,561	35,716
Sep.	5	10,082	19,385	29,467
Sep.	19	16,525	20,806	37,331
Oct.	3	15,762	17,758	33,520
Oct.	10	13,907	17,796	31,703
Oct.	17	15,055	17,383	32,438
Oct.	24	15,665	14,687	30,352
Oct.	31	14,027	15,015	29,042
Nov.	7	17,013	13,840	30,853
Nov.	14	14,064	16,044	30,108
Nov.	21	16,856	13,248	30,104

WARNS MINERS

Chief of Ohio Mine Commission Points to Fatality Record.

A bulletin compiled by J. M. Roan, chief deputy and safety commissioner of mines, has been issued by the Ohio Industrial Commission showing that there were 22 fatal accidents in the *mines* of the state during the six months ending June 30, 1914.

Significance attaches to the fact that the victims were young men, the oldest being only 17. This leads to the comment that the younger miners have greater faith in their activity and take risks in violation of rules. The need of greater discipline is urged.

A second document is issued by the same authority is addressed to operators, general managers, superintendents, mine bosses and mine foremen which, as a safety first consideration, calls attention to the increasing dangers about coal mines that come with cold weather.

TROUBLE IS FEARED.

If Efforts are Made to Organize Fairmont District Miners.

Officials of the United Mine Workers of America have planned again to make an effort to organize the coal miners of the Fairmont district. The effect will meet with resistance, and it is feared trouble will follow.

There are more than 15,000 miners in the Fairmont field when the mines are operated at capacity. The first act of the coal companies against the proposed *organization*, it is thought, will be to secure injunctions restraining the union agents from going on company property to induce the miners to strike.

THIRTY MINERS KILLED.

West Virginia Chief of Mines Gives September Fatalities.

The list of fatalities in the coal mines of West Virginia during the month of September 1914 has just been issued by Earl A. Henry, chief of the department of mines, and shows that 30 men lost their lives in the state that month, a decrease of two from the records of the previous month.

The list also shows that falls of coal and slate were responsible for 16 of the deaths, while nine were attributable to mine cars, three to motors, one to electrocution, and one to a railroad car at the tipple.

WAITING FOR PAY.

Tennessee Coal Miners Have Hard Time Collecting Wages.

The employes of the LaFollette Coal Iron & Railway Company of LaFollette, Tenn., who have been waiting nearly a year for payment of money earned November 1 to December 23, 1913, the company at that time having been placed in the hands of a receiver, were recently paid the amount due them by order of the United States court.

Shortly after the appointment of the receiver 10 per cent of back earnings up to $5 per man was paid.

Will Use Telephones.

Trains on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad will be dispatched by telephone.

THE COKE TRADE BREAKS THROUGH BED ROCK BOTTOM

But the Drop is Regarded as Being Temporary in Character

IT WILL RECOVER NEXT WEEK

While Furnace Production Slumps Off Merchant Operators Show Increased Production and Have Fired Up 200 More Ovens; Frick Ovens Bank

The Connellsville coke trade is scraping bottom at 200,000 tons weekly and will this week break through to lower levels. The break will be temporary in character. It is due to the fact that the furnaces of the United States Steel Corporation have become overstocked with fuel and are this week cleaning up their stock piles somewhat. The ovens of about a dozen of the Frick plants are banked in consequence. It is patent that the company expects to start the ovens soon, else they would have been put out instead of being banked down. Furthermore, reports are that the corporation's bookings are improving. Merchant production, on the other hand, shows some increase due to the firing of idle ovens last week. Notwithstanding this production and shipments break even. Aside from these matters, the coke trade is without special features.

Production for the week ending Saturday, November 21, was 200,804 tons of which the furnace interest made 114,095 tons and the merchant interest 86,709 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 105,794 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 94,010 tons. Compared with the previous week this indicates a decrease in production of 5,510 tons. This was due to the curtailment of furnace production to the extent of 11,230 tons, while the merchant ovens increased their output 5,720 tons.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday, November 21, were 5,370 cars, carrying 200,022 tons consigned as follows:

Districts.	Cars.	Tons.
Pittsburg	1,813	67,290
West	2,753	103,529
East	804	29,194

Compared with the previous week this shows a decrease in shipments of 300 cars or 10,365 tons, as follows: Pittsburg 8,704 tons, West 121 tons; East 1,540 tons. The decrease was general, but it was chiefly in the Pittsburg district that the slump occurred, and where it is likely to occur again this week because of the light shipments of the furnace interest as indicated above.

Ovens were fired during the week as follows: Republic, 146; Donald Nos. 1 and 2, 52; Poland, 15; Denbo, 104; West Penn, 24; total, 341. Ovens were blown out at Thompson No. 1, 10, and Allison No. 2, 92; scattering, 33; total 135. Net increase in the active list, 206 ovens.

Following is the record of production and shipments for the current year to date:

Week.		Fur.	Mer.	Total.	Ship.
Jan.	3	136,920	115,231	252,151	250,787
Jan.	10	166,350	94,310	260,670	258,450
Jan.	17	172,505	95,852	268,357	264,784
Jan.	24	186,160	104,895	291,055	290,586
Jan.	31	204,945	96,110	301,055	298,841
Feb.	7	207,255	97,720	304,975	303,832
Feb.	14	198,960	101,290	300,250	306,301
Feb.	21	201,110	102,020	303,169	324,170
Feb.	28	205,480	108,870	314,570	341,784
Mar.	7	226,150	119,510	345,660	363,592
Mar.	14	230,660	122,803	353,463	377,045
Mar.	21	237,390	126,730	364,080	369,530
Mar.	28	232,511	127,507	360,018	347,490
Apr.	4	224,840	121,180	346,320	348,050
Apr.	11	224,975	130,750	354,725	348,411
Apr.	18	208,075	126,580	334,655	323,545
Apr.	25	188,305	125,452	313,757	310,200
May	2	182,650	122,690	305,610	290,430
May	9	195,915	116,185	312,100	291,166
May	16	180,125	113,990	294,715	275,859
May	23	150,210	107,390	257,630	276,072
May	30	138,960	105,918	244,828	252,137
June	6	134,930	108,620	243,650	254,831
June	13	149,210	110,477	259,687	253,352
June	20	151,160	108,815	262,375	259,205
June	27	155,830	107,942	263,772	270,307
July	4	149,070	110,182	259,252	272,902
July	11	155,390	109,215	264,605	257,107
July	18	153,655	114,585	268,200	258,762
July	25	151,610	116,680	268,290	267,361
Aug.	1	150,970	112,605	263,575	260,591
Aug.	8	153,300	113,830	266,610	266,490
Aug.	15	153,790	103,750	257,540	260,490
Aug.	22	161,965	97,700	259,665	273,397
Aug.	29	161,958	94,605	256,653	264,113
Sep.	5	169,415	98,435	267,870	270,910
Sep.	12	162,150	89,500	251,650	255,965
Sep.	19	163,825	79,870	243,695	256,537
Sep.	26	162,620	84,601	247,221	243,950
Oct.	3	150,255	89,847	240,102	233,652
Oct.	10	161,520	84,590	246,110	244,593
Oct.	17	151,480	86,249	237,729	236,109
Oct.	24	142,710	86,779	229,519	214,132
Oct.	31	126,590	79,374	205,964	207,064
Nov.	7	128,925	82,629	211,554	203,742
Nov.	14	125,325	80,989	206,314	210,587
Nov.	21	114,095	86,709	200,804	200,022

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

Revised Charges Now in Force to Various Points, East and West.

The revised rates on coke per ton of 2,000 pounds from the Connellsville region to points both east and west are as follows:

Pittsburg	$ .75
Youngstown and Valley points	1.20
Wheeling	1.20
Cleveland	1.60
Columbus	1.65
Canton	1.40
Toledo	1.85
Detroit	2.10
Milwaukee	2.70
Chicago	2.50
E. St. Louis	2.80
Buffalo	1.85
Erie	1.65
Harrisburg	1.70
Baltimore	1.80

ASK FOR GREATER CO-OPERATION IN SAFETY MOVEMENT

Railroad Officials, at Meeting, Urge Employes and Public to Help.

LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Men in Interesting Discussions on Plans to Save Life and Limb on the Road. Reduction in Fatalities is Proved

Over a thousand employes of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, their families and friends attended the Safety First rally in the Soisson Theatre Monday. In point of numbers and enthusiasm it was, as one of the speakers declared, the best open division meeting ever held.

The idea of safety before anything was brought home with greater force than ever before. What has been done by the railroad was shown and what can be accomplished in the future with the co-operation of the employes, principally, and also by the public, was shown by the various speakers. Superintendent O. L. Eaton presided. After explaining the object of the meeting he introduced C. L. French, assistant general superintendent, who made the principal address of the evening.

Mr. French covered the safety first subject thoroughly. He said that the railroad would sacrifice everything to preserve life. If a Baltimore & Ohio train is behind time, he said, it is probably because the engineer is following the rule of "look to the safety of the passengers first."

"The day of the man who takes chances in railroad work is past," he declared. "The railroad asks men not to do the slightest thing that will subject them to possibility of injury or death."

The Safety First movement has knockers, Mr. French declared, who imagine that there is some selfish motive actuating the corporation to spend so much money for prevention of accidents. This, he said, is not the case, and even if it were an employe should not discount any effort to make his life safer. The literal observance of the "Stop, Look and Listen" formula at crossings alone will be the means of saving many lives, the speaker declared.

E. R. Scoville of the general safety committee told of the reduction of deaths and accidents since the Safety First movement has been taken up. There have been 58 fewer deaths and 1,638 fewer accidents this year, he declared, but even that that the railroad injures one man every 41 minutes and kills one every 53 hours.

Sixteen hundred machines have been guarded by the *Baltimore & Ohio* in recent years, he declared, and accidents in shops have been reduced to a minimum. Four thousand unsafe conditions have been reported by the general safety committee since the first of this year, and of these 70 percent have been remedied and the remainder either are in process of adjustment or investigation.

I. C. Craig, another member of the general safety committee, told of the birth of the safety movement in the mind of the man who has come to be known as "Father" Coffin, an Iowa railroad commissioner in 1889. Since corporations have taken it up, he said, the principal cause of death on railroads is carelessness. The 225,000 trespassers killed on all railroads last year, he declared, were not mostly tramps, as the word trespasser has come to mean, but men, women, boys and girls walking along the tracks to and from work or school. In fact only 23,000 of the number were "hoboes." The speaker pointed out that of 101 killed in the service of the Baltimore & Ohio, 97 lost their lives through thoughtlessness and the other four through conditions which an expenditure of money *might* have removed. He pointed with pride to the fact that not a passenger on the Baltimore & Ohio has been killed in the last six years.

Superintendent C. P. Gorsuch of the Pittsburg division touched briefly on the necessity of prompt first aid work after accidents and of the evils of drinking while on duty.

W. D. West, a local engineman, [illegible] an especially effective speech, pleading for a more complete co-operation between company and men in the Safety First movement. Dr. M. H. Koehler briefly told of the things that are done by the road to improve sanitation and health conditions.

Miss Martha Eaton, daughter of Superintendent O. L. Eaton, sang several vocal solos. F. K. Russell played two violin numbers and Roy McClintock sang. The Baltimore & Ohio orchestra played popular selections.

Pictures and slides of safety subjects were also shown, but by the time these had been reached on the program it was after 11 o'clock and the crowd was leaving. There were Baltimore & Ohio employes present from all over the Pittsburg and Connellsville divisions.

TAKES AN APPEAL

Superintendent Fights Charge That Water Is Being Polluted.

SOMERSET, Nov. 20.—Archibald Miller, superintendent of the Loyalhanna Coal Company at Cairnbrook, today appealed to the Somerset county court of quarter sessions from a fine of $100 imposed upon him by Justice of the Peace Walter W. Knable of Somerset for the alleged pollution of Dark Shade creek. Miller was prosecuted by Raymond G. McIntosh, Johnstown, a state fish warden, who claims that the Loyalhanna superintendent drains poisonous mine water into the stream. The discharge, it is averred, kills the fish.

Warden McIntosh says he took a sample of water from the creek which was analyzed by James A. Evans of Erie, chemist for the department of fisheries at Harrisburg. It is alleged that the chemical analysis showed the water to contain a number of deleterious elements, such as [illegible] sulphate of lime, magnesia and [illegible]. The department of fisheries takes the position that the alleged pollution of the stream is in violation of an act of assembly approved in [illegible].

The case will be watched with interest by both mine operators and sportsmen. If the coal company loses the case it is probable that a filtration plant will be installed in which the [illegible] of the water will be collected [illegible] with the agency of [illegible] lime or some other carbonate.

Miller furnished bail in the sum of $[illegible] with Henry A. Thomas as surety.

SHIP QUESTION UNSOLVED

Manufacturer Says U. S. Needs Two Thousand Vessels, Not 80.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20.—The problem of [illegible] United States commerce [illegible] the solution of which was attempted [illegible] result [illegible] conditions, is hardly [illegible], it was said here [illegible] address [illegible] by Edward N. Hurley, vicepresident of the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Hurley [illegible] laws of the United States in their condition, saying that [illegible] from [illegible] 30 per cent more expensive to operate vessels under American [illegible]. Mr. Hurley warned [illegible] the addition of 80 [illegible] registry [illegible] branch [illegible] South America [illegible] means solved [illegible] commercial problems.

Two thousand [illegible] from this country [illegible] would be required [illegible] export and import [illegible], he said. Our commerce [illegible] is moving, but it is being carried [illegible] foreign ships, mostly British, and [illegible] over [illegible] the British navy's [illegible].

BUILDING SYNDICATE

American Capitalists Ready to Put Up Dwellings in Buenos Aires.

The intendente of Buenos Aires has received a telegram [illegible] from the United States announcing that the syndicate with which he is conferring for constructing 10,000 workingmen's dwellings in Buenos Aires has secured the necessary capital and is ready to commence work.

The budget [illegible] subsidy [illegible] exemption from import duties on materials to be used in these buildings.

Would Boost Rates.

Application for an increase of 10 cents a ton on coal shipments over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and all roads operating south of St. Louis to all points in Southwest territory was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission recently.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Nov. 21, 1914

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
90	[illegible]	Acme	W J Rainey	New York N Y
80		[illegible]	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Beatty	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
200		Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Boyer	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
240	86	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
110	110	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40		Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt Pleasant
500	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	Peerless Connellsville Coke Co	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Clare	Clare Coke Co	[illegible]
[illegible]	47	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	[illegible]	Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Continental No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	[illegible]	Continental No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	0	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40		Dexter	Connellsville [illegible] Co	Connellsville
250	100	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible] No 1	Wheel Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		[illegible] No 2	Wheel Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	100	[illegible]	[illegible] Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
[illegible]	100	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York N Y
[illegible]		Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York N Y
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible] Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Grace	W J Rainey	New York N Y
[illegible]	10	Hecla No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
	[illegible]	Hecla No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Hecla No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	Samuel [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	100	Humphreys	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Leisenring No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Leisenring No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Leisenring No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Lemont No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	250	Lemont No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	Uniontown
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible] Mutual Coal & Coke Co	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
		[illegible]	W J Rainey	New York N Y
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg Pa
[illegible]		[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible] Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
[illegible]	11	[illegible]	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
[illegible]		Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Oliver No 2	Oliver & [illegible]	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Paul	W J Rainey	New York N Y
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	W J Rainey	New York N Y
44	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Revere	W J Rainey	New York N Y
		[illegible]	[illegible]	Uniontown
[illegible]	11	[illegible]	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	Uniontown
[illegible]		[illegible]	South Fayette [illegible] Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
		[illegible] No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible] No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Spring Grove	Cochran Bros	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	White Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60		[illegible]	[illegible]	New York N Y
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60		[illegible]	[illegible]	Greensburg
		[illegible]	[illegible]	Uniontown
		[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
		[illegible]	[illegible] Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		[illegible]	H C Frick	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg

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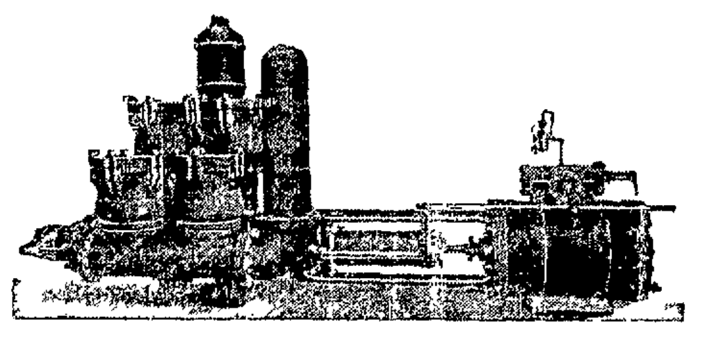

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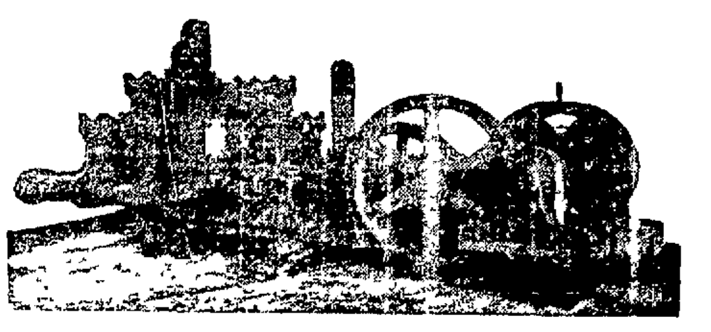

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COMPENSATION IS DISCUSSED AMONG WELFARE WORKERS

Employers Will Demand That Insurance Interests be Curbed.

THEY SEEM TO BE INTERESTED

State Should Bear Part of the Expense of the Measure and Should Have Sole Charge of Administering It; Various Propositions Considered.

A volunteer convention of efficiency and welfare enthusiasts have been in session this week at Harrisburg discussing suggestions and drawing proposed measures for the consideration of the Pennsylvania Legislature at its coming session, among others a Workmen's Compensation bill, concerning which the brief report of the proceedings we have at hand says:

"Francis H. Bohlem of Philadelphia, secretary of the Industrial Accidents Commission, outlined the compensation act proposed. He said that what was needed was a law that would give speedy relief, not burden industry, eliminate litigation and work as an incentive to accident prevention. He said the compensation should reach the employe when the doctor's bill came in, be simple in operation and readily accessible. He outlined the various forms of insurance and said that the law would have to be elective until a constitutional amendment could be passed. The state insurance fund should be under the control of the state for two years at least, while stock and mutual companies should be regulated. He gave experience in other states and said he was not advocating any kind of insurance feature, but a just compensation act. Francis Feehan spoke for a fair act and said the people were prepared for it. F. H. Walker of Beaver Falls strongly urged a compulsory insurance feature, which aroused the ire of Carl M. Hansen of a New York compensation rate bureau, who said that he disapproved of Walker's favor of the German plan, which would substitute bureaucracy for democracy."

The Workmen's Compensation law framed for Pennsylvania should not be one which is designed to boom the insurance business any more than one designed to bankrupt small manufacturers. The act sought to be passed at the last session made the employers of labor directly responsible to the workmen, and threatened the financial annihilation of the small employer in case of serious accident in his mines or mills. There was no mention of insurance, but it was known that such insurance was obtainable on the part of the employer. The matter of its cost or its character was given no consideration.

It seems to be the purpose of the proponents of the above bill to take cognizance of the insurance interests and to compel the employer to patronize them as well in his own behalf as for the protection of his employes. We will not charge that there is a "snake" in this bill, but we predict that a proper investigation will show that the insurance interests have had a hand in getting it up. Its effect will be to compel the employers to pay more than is necessary for the compensation that is to be the workmen's. The insurance of lives is one of the most profitable enterprises in the country. The employer should not be asked to pay compensation and cumulative profits.

The employer should not be compelled to pay all the cost of compensation. A portion of it should in strict equity be borne by the state, by whom alone the insurance fund should be administered, to the end that any profit therein shall accrue to the fund and thus lighten the cost of compensation, or at least not make it greater than a tax on industry equitably laid and economically administered.

NEW LINE APPROVED

Harriman Interests Propose Trunk Line Through State.

The New York, Chicago & Pittsburg railroad, a corporation controlled by the Harriman interests, has been granted approval of plans and a certificate of necessary public conveniences by the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg, for the construction of its proposed line. The new route was chartered five years ago and proposes to run from Pittsburg to Allentown, Pa., tapping a rich bituminous and anthracite field and a fruitful agricultural region in Indiana and Snyder counties, where the railroad facilities are at present limited.

The proposed line will also shorten the route between Pittsburg and New York city by 80 miles. The line will cross the Susquehanna river at some point between Harrisburg and Sunbury.

WON'T TAKE OVER MINES

Wilson Refuses to Have Receiver Named for Colorado Plants.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Wilson will not adopt the suggestion of the American Federation of Labor that steps be taken to have a receiver appointed for the Colorado coal mines involved in the strike with the purpose of having them operated by the federal government.

He told callers today he had been informed by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor that the solicitor of that department has given an opinion that there should be no legal warrant for the operation of the mines by the government.

The President added that so far he had received no suggestions from Governor Ammons that the federal troops be withdrawn.

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

ANTHRACITE CONSUMPTION IS NOW UP TO ITS LIMIT

Those Who Urge Its Use for Some Prevention Ignore Limitations of Market.

The production of anthracite coal is limited approximately to 80,000,000 tons a year by the physical possibilities of mining. It is therefore impossible for all the great manufacturing cities of the United States to protect themselves against the smoke nuisance by ordinances prescribing the use of hard coal. Nevertheless, 12 cities of less than 50,000 inhabitants, 17 cities of between 50,000 and 200,000 inhabitants, and 25 larger cities have legislation affecting this nuisance which increases expenditures for repairing and repainting exteriors and interiors of buildings, for artificial light made necessary by the decreased amount of sunlight, for laundering and cleaning, and on account of injury to the cities' vegetation.

The consumption of coal per capita in this country has grown from 3.5 short tons in 1900 to 5.8 tons in 1913, an increase of more than 65 per cent. Herbert W. Wilson of the United States Geological Survey recently estimated the amount of loss due to the smoke nuisance at $500,000,000 a year, and said that the problem of smoke prevention is the problem of perfect combustion, averring that smoke consumption is not possible by any known device. Since that time the New York Edison Company has installed at its Waterside stations a smoke consuming device which does not burn the smoke but washes out the solid matter. Campaigns against the smoke nuisance are now being waged in many cities both here and abroad.

The cities of over 200,000 inhabitants in this country which have anti-smoke ordinances are New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburg, Boston, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Newark, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Jersey City, Indianapolis, Providence, Louisville, Rochester, Denver, Los Angeles, Portland, St. Paul and Washington. Although there are many smoke-consuming devices in use, and in the Pacific Coast cities the problem is simplified by the use of oil, the strict enforcement of anti-smoke ordinances implies the use of anthracite coal.

Figures showing the distribution of the anthracite output by states or sections were formerly made public through official channels, but since 1905 the compilation of these statistics has been discontinued. According to a recent calculation, however, the three states of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey consume over two-thirds of the anthracite shipped from the mines, and nearly one-half of the remainder goes to the New England states. Thus over 80 per cent of all the anthracite consumed is used in the East, which profits by its geographical position as there is not enough anthracite produced to supply the entire country.

The following table gives the approximate consumption of anthracite in the various markets.

	Pct.
Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey	.676
New England States	.141
Western States	.112
Dominion of Canada	.036
Southern States	.034
Foreign ports	.001

Elsewhere in the United States, as well as in Western Canada, soft coal is the standard household fuel and anthracite being somewhat of a luxury and having to be transported long distances, is used in comparatively limited quantities.

COAL FOR BRAZIL

Impetus for Development of South American Trade.

The movement among business men of Philadelphia for the development of the South American export trade received an encouraging impetus recently when it became known that an order for 100,000 tons of coal had been placed by a Brazil concern. The firm that received the order is Whitney & Kammerer.

Despite the much discussed question of late regarding South American long-time credits, the terms for the big coal order are cash on bill of lading, or practically cash. The coal is for delivery at Rio Janeiro in 10,000-ton consignments, one of which went forward last week. This makes the second large foreign order for coal that has come to Philadelphia within two months. The last one was for 100,000 tons for Greece, in the latter part of September.

GET DODGE AGENCY

Standard Auto Garage of Uniontown Will Handle New Car.

Official announcement is made by Dodge Brothers, Detroit, of the selection of the Standard Automobile Garage to handle the forthcoming Dodge Brothers motor car in Uniontown, and throughout Fayette and Greene counties.

The rivalry on the part of dealers to represent this new car has been intense, not only in Uniontown, but throughout the country. It is a distinct compliment to the Standard Auto Garage that they have been successful in securing this most coveted dealership.

Dodge Brothers are known in the automobile industry as the largest manufacturers of parts in the world. It is stated on good authority that they have supplied the vital parts to over 500,000 of the 1,250,000 cars now in use in this country.

ASKS AN INJUNCTION.

Pittsburg Man Seeks to Block Payment of Notes.

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 23.—An injunction was asked today by F. W. Shrader of Pittsburg to restrain J. V. Thompson and J. R. Barnes from paying notes to the extent of $125,000 in event they are presented by outside parties.

Shrader obtained the notes in coal transactions. In order to realize on them before they fell due, he turned them over to a brokerage firm in Ohio.

The plaintiff alleged that the brokers defaulted and he seeks to prevent the payment of the notes in order to protect his own interests.

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Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
40		Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alicia	W. Harry Brown	Alicia, Fayette Co.
200	100	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey	New York
100		Allison No. 2	W. J. Rainey	New York
40		Anna	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co.	Uniontown
120		Atchison	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Gans
42		Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal Coal Co.	Pittsburg
100		Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	300	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20		Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
426	200	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	14	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
34		Byrne	Byrne Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
206		Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40		Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	200	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	120	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	120	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
142		Cyrella	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	100	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Denbo	Reliance Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
402	202	Donald Nos. 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
100		Donald No. 3	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	10	Dunn	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	200	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
110		Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
122		Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
32		Emery	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Fairbank	Strothers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
32		Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
400	150	Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Scottdale
220		Francis No. 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
70		Francis No. 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
30		Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
312		Garwood	Aetna-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
68		Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45		Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
62		Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
74	74	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
34	34	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
165		Husted	Husted-Semans Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
200		Isabella	Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
140		Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	LaBelle	LaBelle Coke Co.	Labelle
220	150	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
402	250	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
516	200	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30		Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
400	200	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	250	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34		Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	64	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
244		Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
202	60	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
257		Millsboro	I. W. Semans	Uniontown
150	150	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60		Murphy	Eckard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
30		Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	120	Old Home	W. J. Parshall	Uniontown
460	220	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
108		Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
30		Perry	Perry Coke Co.	Pittsburg
72		Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	60	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
400	210	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
120	40	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	[illegible]
550	200	Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50		Rose	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
373	135	Royal	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
30		Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
378	300	Searights	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
200	172	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
100		Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	150	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	200	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400		Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
306		Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
394		Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	250	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	250	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
76		Whitehead	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
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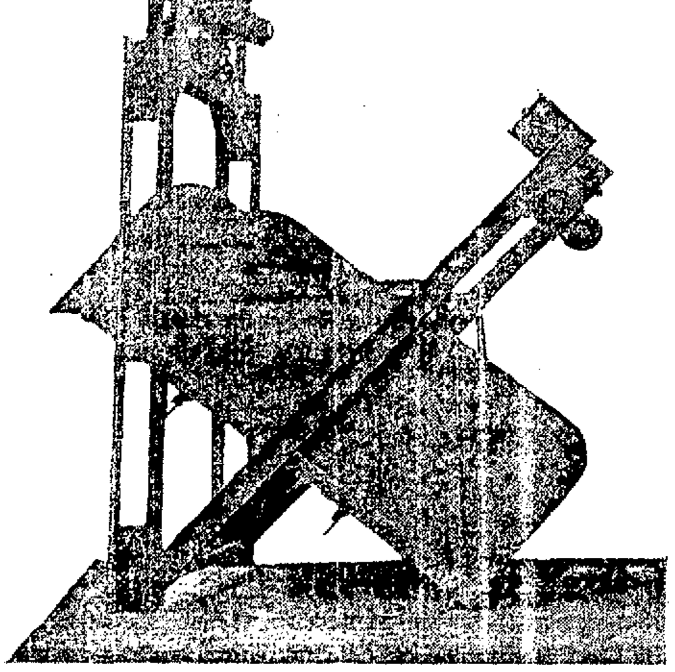

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THANKSGIVING.

In accordance with national custom the country will today observe Thanksgiving Day. While in times past we have had more reason to be thankful for many and manifest blessings than we have this year, we are nevertheless much better off from every point of view than most of the civilized nations of the earth now engaged in a devastating and bloody struggle for no apparent reason other than lust of possession and power.

It is a curious fact that the Thanksgiving spirit of the American people has been deepest and most fervent in times of tribulation and trial. Thanksgiving Day was inaugurated in 1621 by the Pilgrim Fathers struggling on the bleak and inhospitable shores of New England against fever, famine and savage foe. It was first publicly proclaimed by the American Congress during the dark days of the Revolution when patriotism was making bloody footprints at Valley Forge; and its first formal proclamation by the president came from Abraham Lincoln in the face of the high tide of Rebellion in 1863.

The United States is not at war, but the nation is suffering from a business depression which has partially paralyzed industry, thrown many men out of employment and put many others on shorter working time and correspondingly shorter income. This is thought to be due in a large measure to mistaken ideas of statesmanship which the party in power has put into practise, but the elections this fall have encouraged the people to hope that this situation may soon be remedied, and this hope will in itself improve conditions.

The world war cannot last forever. There's a limit to human endurance and national finance. Peace will probably come before another Thanksgiving Day. In the meantime, business in this country is on bottom, and must henceforth climb toward prosperity no matter what its gait may be. The darkest day is just before the dawning. The present is endurable and the future is full of hope.

After all the American people have much to be thankful for.

A KEYNOTE SPEECH.

The speech of Senator William E. Crow at the dinner given in his honor by his home town friends last night was not a set speech. It was born of the spirit of the occasion. Nevertheless it was a keynote speech of much significance. It should be carefully read and thoughtfully pondered by those excellent citizens who in the recent campaign were led by hypocritical and designing persons, *some of them veritable wolves in sheep's clothing*, to believe that the Republican state organization was a dark conspiracy of traitorous villainy and the opposition a public virtue trust having a corner on political honesty and hoping to have another on political offices.

Senator Crow gives notice that the Republican organization will not only redeem all its pledges at par and accrued interest, but that it will also add some premiums. The Republican party is *to be made "more responsive to the people's will,"* and its policy will be "conservatively progressive." It will not indulge in *a long and profitless* session of the coming Pennsylvania Legislature, but will try to do things promptly fairly and right. The Republican party has always been progressive, and it will be progressive still; but above all the party has been conservative rather than radical, preferring to make haste slowly rather than run any reckless risks on purely experimental lines. The Republican party has come back; it has been honored again with the people's confidence, and *it proposes to demonstrate* to the people that their confidence has not been misplaced, and that much good can come out of Israel.

Senator Crow took occasion to further confound the opposition by throwing the doors of the Republican house wide open for all insurgent wanderers of whatever kind or in whatever land to return to the home of their fathers. He eschewed recriminations, and dealt only in regrets for the past and hopes for the future. He rose above faction and pleaded for a great party and greater achievements by that party. *He would build up, not destroy*: In short, he would progress safely, sanely, conservatively.

SUNNY BOB.

The death of Robert Jones Burdette removes a small but striking figure from the ranks of American humorists. "Bob" was born in Greene county where lots of good people grow, but where most citizens vote the Democratic ticket and take life seriously. That he lived to become a fun-maker of national renown in spite of his environment indicates that the sunshine was in him and just had to come forth. The world is better and happier for his having lived in it. "Bob" has gone, but let us strive to keep his memory and his sunshine with us. "This brave old earth hath need of her mirth; she has sorrows enough for her own."

SCARLET FEVER.

Connellsville is threatened with an epidemic of scarlet fever. Eighteen cases are reported already, and quarantine enforcement is still of an indifferent character judging from the report of the health officer, who says that parents of afflicted children permit them to mingle with others before the period of contagion has passed and that when chided concerning it they rebuke him with the statement that the doctor has said it was all right, and that the doctor knows more than any common, everyday, unprofessional health officer.

The board of health seems willing to hide behind this circumstance and content itself by placing the blame upon the physicians. Perhaps the latter are guilty and perhaps they are not. It would be more in keeping with the duties of the board of health to put a little more action and a little less consideration in its movements. This matter should be immediately and energetically investigated, and any who have violated the quarantine laws thereby encouraging the spread of this disease, be they physicians or parents, should be punished as the ordinance and the law provide. Perhaps a few healthy examples indicating the determination of the health authorities of Connellsville to make the health laws something more than a mere joke will have a lasting effect for good.

The Courier does not wish to be understood as prejudging the present case, but it is a fact that in times past there has been too much professional courtesy in the board of health. Courtesy should be encouraged in all cases where it is a polite expression of wholesome good will, but the courtesy that means class favoritism at the expense of the public health is not courtesy at all and should not be tolerated for a moment.

The board of health should waken up to the fact that it is a condition not a courtesy which confronts the public. The threatened epidemic of scarlet fever must be stamped out. Where it originated is not now important. The question is how to get rid of it. To that question all the energy and all the authority of the board of health should be directed, and if any custom or any courtesy or any mistaken sense of kindness stands in the way it must be swept aside in the larger interest of the common welfare.

Connellsville is normally a healthy place. It should not be permitted to become otherwise by neglect on the part of the authorities to enforce the wise rules laid down to guard against the spread of such contagious diseases as scarlet fever.

TARIFF COMMISSIONS.

The Tariff question is by no means settled, but it should not be permitted to disturb business any more than possible, and the suggestion of the Cleveland Iron Trade Review in this connection is *interesting*. This iron trade organ says:

"The result of the congressional elections in reducing very decidedly the majority of the dominant party in the national House of Representatives and in almost eliminating the third party should have a sobering effect and check any proposed radical legislation that the administration may have planned to urge at *the next* session of the present Congress and the sessions of the new Congress. If both the old and new Congresses will content themselves by passing the appropriation bills and very little other legislation, the country will be grateful.

"Some steps should, we believe, be taken toward scientific investigation of the tariff by a *tariff commission*. The great European war will show the United States, as nothing else has done, how it can depend upon its own resources and what it can do to extend its foreign trade. The tariff is intimately related to all these questions and the fullest obtainable information is needed before the shaping of another tariff bill can intelligently be undertaken."

Theoretically, Tariff Commissions have always been regarded as ideal Tariff regulators, but unfortunately, it has never been possible to put the theory in practise. We have had Tariff Commissions and their findings have invariably been torn to tatters by Congress. The only effectual Tariff Commission is one into whose hands the whole question shall be put with full power to act.

It is possible that this may some *time be done, but not before a Republican Congress* has restored the Protective feature of our Tariff system.

DRAMATIC JUSTICE.

A Westmoreland county attorney has the temerity to ask a new trial for a client convicted in the Fayette county courts of ungentlemanly conduct toward a lady because, forsooth, our own Uncle Bob Kennedy, who acted as counsel for the fair complainant, is alleged to have been highly dramatic and consequently highly unprofessional.

We hope the Westmoreland county attorney does not reflect the spirit or the skill of the Westmoreland county bar. *The Fayette* county temple of Justice is no stranger to forensic eloquence, nor are dramatic effects unknown to her brilliant *pleaders*. That's what we employ lawyers for over this way. What they are hired for in Westmoreland county is not stated, but we gather that they sedulously avoid the dramatic and confine themselves to the commonplace.

We have never heard of anything in the law forbidding counsel to exert all his eloquence and all his arts of persuasiveness in behalf of his client. There should be no harm done. In the end the court reviews the testi*mony and lays down the law*. We hardly think the Westmoreland plea for a new trial is a good one; besides, if it is granted, it will only stimulate Uncle Bob to new demonstrations of dramatic power which may be the means of making the second verdict worse than the first.

We hold no brief in this case and we have no membership in either bar, but our Layman's advice is to beware of fooling with dramatic justice.

English army volunteers are slow in coming forward and the ministry faces the necessity of conscription. On the continent they don't take any risks on patriotic sentiment. The whole population is drafted in the beginning.

FOR SPEAKER.

Among the names mentioned for Speaker of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania at its coming session is one well and favorably known to the newspaper fraternity of the state, Robert P. Hapgood, editor and publisher of the Bradford Daily Argus. The Philadelphia Inquirer refers to his candidacy as follows.

"Robert P. Hapgood of McKean county is *being prominently* and favorably mentioned for the speakship of the next House at Harrisburg. Mr. Hapgood resigned the postmastership at Bradford to accept the nomination for the Assembly to fill a vacancy on the Republican ticket just two weeks before election and was elected by the biggest vote given any of the candidates. Hapgood is secretary-treasurer of the State *Editorial Association*, having held this office for ten years, and is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Associated Dailies of Pennsylvania, being well and favorably known to the editors and publishers of the state in all counties, including large and small dailies and weeklies in all sections of the state. Moreover, he has a large circle of friends among the young Republicans of the state through his presidency of the Republican State League in 1907, 1908, 1909. He has always unflinchingly stood the brunt of the opposition to Republicanism in this section, win or lose, and his preferment for the Speakership would be pleasing and potent in this county and section of the state to the people regardless of politics.

"A Speaker has not been elected from one of the country counties since 1893, when Caleb Thompson of Warren county, was chosen and since then six of the Speakers have been from Philadelphia, Lancaster and Lackawanna in the east and three from Allegheny county, some of whom served two or more terms, and Hapgood's friends believe his election would be an opportune recognition of the country representatives and voters *as well as the newspapers* of Pennsylvania. He has not announced himself as a candidate up to this time but is being strongly urged to do so."

THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.

While silly-billy journalism keeps on harping about the Great Conspiracy between Big Business and Crooked Politics to shut down the mills just before the election and open them just afterwards it might be well enough to point out that the industrial depression has been going on ever since November, 1913, when the Democratic Tariff law went into ac*tual effect, and that*, while the bottom seems to have been reached and we are expecting the uplift to begin at any time it has not yet commenced in any appreciable degree, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. On this point the American Metal Market says:

"The daily newspaper reporters are having one of their periodic spells of reporting plant resumptions. In practically every instance the reports are pure fabrication or refer to plants which *operate intermittently*, week about for instance. The average rate of operation throughout the steel industry is somewhat less than 50% of capacity."

The same publication predicts a moderate but tangible improvement in December with much more likely to be added after the turn of 1915, and all this it must be suggested, will be done without [illegible] either among manufacturers or with politicians.

CORNER LOT OF COKEDOM.

The removal sale of the northern half of Greene county to a syndicate of eastern capitalists as an investment [illegible] but it is not lacking in the element of probability. The corner lot of Cokedom will not go begging forever in the financial and industrial market place, for the excellent and all-sufficient reason that it is the last of the famous Connellsville coking coal remaining undeveloped.

Connellsville coking coal has a present value of from $2,000 to $3,000 per acre, while the Greene county coal is still being sold at various prices ranging from $300 to $400 to $500 or $1,000 per acre. There is only one Connellsville coke region in the country. It is natural that capital should be willing to corner its last remaining corner.

The willingness of eastern capitalists to invest $40,000,000 in coal lands *just at this time* is an encouraging sign of returning confidence which is bound to bring with it some degree of prosperity.

INDUSTRIAL NEWS.

The announcement of fugitive resumptions or suspensions of industrial plants do not make a boom or a panic, and have in fact little appreciable effect upon the situation, which is reflected in the general results as shown in the statistics of industrial activity. The putting out or putting in of a few ovens in the Connellsville coke region, for example, does not indicate anything special. It is the totals, the final results, which indicate the trend of trade. The Courier prints these statistics every week. Other trade publications furnish similar information concerning iron and steel and other lines of manufacture. The state of trade and the possibilities of the future are determined by the operating conditions of all the plants, not by any one of them. Herein lies the difference between a trade publication and a political organ.

ENERGY.

It was only a little bridge whist party the ladies of the Connellsville coke region gave the other day for the benefit of the suffering Belgians, but there was so much energy put into the proposition that it grew into a function filling the biggest hall in Connellsville and will net upwards of $500 for the good cause. The ladies have their own methods of raising money for public purposes, and some of them may seem devious, but they are usually effective. In the case under consideration they were unusually successful, perhaps because they were unusually energetic. If the managers have any energy left we hope they will donate it to the Board of Health and the Chamber of Commerce in equal portions.

Sam Gompers has his job [illegible] down.

Secretary McAdoo says ther's more money in th' country than ever before. Let's all move out there.

This world must hold little fer folks who are broke an' don't care fer scenery.

It's funny how soon you become indispensable these days if you show th' least disposition t' work.

Pinky Kerr, who joins th' Malinda Jed Repertoire company t'morrow, is havin' his shoes half soled t'day.

The tall pastures is a never failin' sign of an increase in th' price o' butter.

Lots o' folks git credit fer bein' jolly when they're only tryin' t' show a gold tooth.

If it wuzn't fer folks that hain't got no credit ther wouldn' be [illegible] cents in circulation.

Mrs. Lafe Bud has granted her husband a third trial.

Th' home o' Mr. Tilford Moots wuz ransacked by burglars yisterday while she wuz settin' on th' front porch countin' th' cords.

Tipton Bud's brother married an ugly woman an' carries a cane, still he isn't what you'd call great.

Th' most harmful way o' makin' a livin' without workin' is [illegible] th' mandolin.

Business is a good deal like several people I've known fer thirty years—allus complainin'.

Th' hardest thing about bein' a college graduate is findin' a suitable position.

Leavin' th' Bull Moose cause without [illegible] is th' most popular game these days.

DELPHIC DEMOCRACY.

"The future is clear and bright," says President Wilson, after twenty months of legislative experiment on the body politic, one of the net results of which is that the *steel and iron and coke* business is down to 50% of capacity.

"All looks bright before me," was the reply of the dying subscriber to the inquiring editor. Recalling the fact that the subscriber hadn't paid a cent in five years, the editor retorted, "I shouldn't wonder, and in a minute you'll begin to feel the flames."

"The future will be very different from the past," says President Wilson. Doubtless; it is a habit the future has. The future will probably approve it as it is given a chance. The past has been hindered with [illegible]. All the future asks is to be let alone.

"We know the past for which we are bound," says President Wilson. [illegible] It's all over, sure enough. The Democracy is headed there and from [illegible] *indications will bring up at* the wharf in 1916.

The President is a historian and psychologist. He hath also a pretty wit and a weatherwise sense of political values, however artfully concealed by mysterious utterances. Some of his Delphic utterances [illegible] as profound as that of Chairman Jim Sterling on the eve of the late election in Fayette county. Being asked for his estimate of the Democratic majority he had been promising for some weeks past the [illegible] chairman said, "I'm working, not talking."

SAFETY FIRST.

The Safety First meeting of the Baltimore & Ohio employes at the [illegible] Monday may not have presented much that was strange or new, but it told the old story with varying phrases and interesting illustrations. The power of iteration is great, especially if it is well-[illegible]. It is probable, however, that a great many of the railroad men present learned a number of things they did not know and were presented with illustrations of dangers they never dreamed of. The Safety First meetings in all large corporations are time and money well spent.

WAITING FOR THE LIFT.

The steel mill resumptions in Chicago do not help the Connellsville coke region. The United States Steel Corporation's Chicago district mills are run with by-product coke from Gary and Joliet. However, a partial resumption of idle mills in the Chicago district argues an early increase in the productive capacity of the Pittsburg district mills and furnaces, and that means more Connellsville coke. The Connellsville coke region is still on bottom, but the lift must soon be the uplift.

Robberies are rare at Confluence. The people of Turkeyfoot are honest. The latest burglars were evidently persons who needed something to eat and wear. They might have gotten both without risk of prison by a personal appeal to the people. It seems, however, that some people would rather steal than beg.

Palmer hasn't fell yet, but he is due for a soft fall.

The Great Penrose Conspiracy which according to the Barefoot organs shut down the Connellsville coke ovens and was to fire them up immediately after the election, is working overtime, or which seems more probable, the Barefoot imagination was working overtime when this preposterous story was invented.

Pittsburg is credited with an ambition to become a city of the first class, in which case there are lots of ripper legislation. We do not believe in the indiscriminate employment of the Referendum, but this is a proper place to apply it. We agree with Senator Penrose that the wishes of the people of Pittsburg should be respected, but only after they have been unmistakably ascertained.

Pinchot has decided to become a citizen of Pennsylvania. He probably thinks he ran pretty well as a New Yorker.

Senator Penrose has filed his campaign expense account, but Pinchot, late of Pike county, seems to be still working on his, and if current gossip is correct, 'tis no wonder. It's a big account, aggregating approximately $160,000. "Money talks," is an old expression in politics. Perhaps that $160,000 is what made so much Pinchot talk.

Turkey *says that cannon shot* was merely a note of warning. It was special delivery, too.

"Going up?" said the City Assessment. "Sure thing!" replied the County Assessment.

The revival of the spelling bee at Dawson can be imitated with profit in other sections of the county and the country. In these days of typewriting machines the poor speller cannot dodge.

The deals and rumors of deals in coal lands are *encouraging for future business*, though it must be said that the Greene county corner lot in the coking coal field known throughout the industrial world as the Connellsville region is of indestructible value and inevitable increase.

It is evident that lots of people over miles from Broadway love chicken, too.

The Connellsville Credit Men's Association is formed *chiefly for the* purpose of seeing that some people do not get too much credit.

Charles M. Schwab, one of America's leading captains of industry, sees the light of prosperity shining over the hills for the first time in a couple of years. Perhaps we should say over the waters.

Some of the Belgian blast furnaces are running full time, not as pig iron producers, *but as crematories*. They are serving a ghastly but useful purpose. The Germans were wise not to batter them down.

The winter campaign in Europe promises to settle down into a siege.

The city assessors didn't discriminate. They increased everybody's assessment.

Mine Inspector Cunningham of Somerset county *insists that the mine* foremen of his district shall strictly observe the rules of Safety First as laid down by the mining laws however much they may neglect any of the rules promulgated by the company.

The reserve funds are still in reserve.

Talking of slush funds, our good friend Pinchot of Pike was no mean [illegible] himself. How much of that $100,000 did Colonel Bill Stone's Bull Moose organ get?

Carr has fine Castillian sense of honor, but falls far short of the morals of the voters. When he could not [illegible] he would leave it to be [illegible].

Citizens of the United States who travel abroad during these troublous times are taking their passports with them, not as a matter of vanity but as a matter of protection.

The Germans are striving for the mastery of the air in order to offset the British mastery of the sea. Nevertheless this is not a war of wind and water.

Connellsville should be thankful *that its assessments are not higher and* its water meters not swifter.

The Barefoot Boys should be thankful that Senator O'Donnell went Democratic.

We should be thankful that the price of Thanksgiving turkey is lower this year even if the means of buying are more limited.

The Republican party will celebrate Thanksgiving by killing the fatted calf. It will be garnished by a few Democratic roosters.

When Love finds the Way, it usually happens that Pa comes thundering after.

The Republican party of Pennsylvania will redeem all its campaign pledges. It has been accused of being unprincipled and unworthy, but it keeps faith with the people, and that is something the opposition has distinctly failed to do.

At the Connellsville Safety First meeting, it was explained that the putting into effect of the rules of safety first sometimes made passenger trains late. Now we know.

Perhaps the public should be thankful that the rule of the railroad is better safe than never late.

Youthful enterprise should be encouraged, no matter if father is worked. Buy another ticket.

William Jennings Bryan, the Peerless Orator, is visiting in Washington.

The school children should be thankful that they are not under medical examination or in quarantine.

Chicago proposes to eat ostrich instead of turkey for its Thanksgiving dinner. Chicago was always [illegible].

The teachers' institute season is approaching and the teachers are getting ready to go to school again themselves to the great gratification of their scholars.

The Turks are shooting rather recklessly and then apologizing rather profusely. Uncle Sam is slow to anger and has no desire to get caught in the European vortex. It looks as if this *might be a deliberate attempt* on the part of Turkey to pick a fight, feeling that Germany stands behind her. The administration can probably be relied upon to defend the American dignity and honor without being played for a sucker by a Sick Man.

The Farmers' Institute is getting to be more popular in Fayette county than the Teachers' Institute. There's more money in farming now than in teaching.

The session of the legislature will be comparatively brief, but it should be long enough to amend some of the raw reform legislation passed at the last session, notably the bastard third-class city law under which Connellsville is now operating.

The Pennsylvania Legislature is nearly unanimous in its politics, and it's going to be wholly so in making a model record.

The new city valuations are being promulgated. There's nothing mean about them.

Holland wants the United States to join her in offering mediation to the warring powers. President Wilson has a standing offer to this effect.

The Uniontown Standard still insists that the late election was a Conspiracy. If so, it was the People's Conspiracy.

Connellsville has been supplied with a pulmotor, a water main tapper and every other manner of rescue apparatus except a water meter extractor. Why do the city authorities discriminate?

The Young Men's Republican Club of Fayette county announces it has come to stay. So have a great many other Republicans.

The official bloodhounds of Fayette county are still doing a little detective work on the side. The dogs are all right as trackers. They can run down anything but a Peerless Purger's Phantom Vote.

The high *cost of traveling* is one result of the reluctance of the interstate commerce commission to give the railroads a 5% freight advance.

We are getting the war fever. A retired army officer wants our standing army brought up to 500,000 men. What's the matter with more thorough militia training?

The steel business promises to receive a substantial boost in war orders. "It's an ill wind that blows no good."

The lesson of the fatal *kerosene* can will perhaps never be learned. There are too many impatient people too willing to take chances with death.

The Barefoot organs of Fayette county are still wailing over the Lost Cause while Mitchell Palmer is picking out a fat federal berth in which to recline and Woods Carr is preparing to pluck that $2,000 consolation prize offered contestants with poor cases *by partisan sympathizers*.

Somerset county is learning that live wires make *cold corpses*.

The hard water is hard on everybody and everything except the hard-hearted water meters.

What the business situation needs just now to give it a boost is that 5% freight increase for the railroads.

The Barefoot organs die hard and ungracefully. They are poor fighters and worse losers.

While congratulating ourselves that we are not involved in the present world war, it might be well to recall that we had ours fifty years ago. Comparatively speaking, our Civil War was the bloodiest in history.

"What's a little thing like evidence in a ballot fraud case when you have the court with you?" asks the Uniontown Standard. Does this refer to the proposed contest of Woods Carr?

Beautiful Snow is a deceitful wench. She gives us many a slip.

"Bottom, b'gosh!" is the verdict of the financial and industrial observers and still the Great Political Conspiracy is not visible.

Dippers have appeared on the Yough river at Connellsville. The dipper is the only member of the duck family who is able to dodge a bullet. If anybody *is skeptical* as to their abilities in this direction, he may readily convince himself by watching the hunters *shoot at them*.

The coal land market seems to be fairly active, indicating that the captains of industry have an abiding faith in the future of business and the substantial value of Greene county coal.

Dunbar is not precisely a Quaker community, but it sometimes costs a tidy sum of money when the spirit moves the blood of youth to make a *loud noise*.

The Bull Moose organ is getting ready to take off its political shoes.

The North Sea is so full of mines that the whales have moved to the open. The Yough river is pretty well mined, but it is still free for most of its distance from the dangers of navigation.

Another Keener man is reported drowned in Jersey Creek. Where does all the water come from?

General Funston and his men should be thankful that they have been relieved of watchful waiting.

The Wilson administration has made a masterly retreat from Mexico.

Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1894.

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, November 19, shows a total of 17,574 ovens in the region, of which 13,915 are active and 3,659 are idle, with an estimated production of 141,009 tons.

Shipments for the week, 8,046 cars, consigned as follows: to Pittsburg, 2,558 cars; to points West, 3,958 cars; to points East, 1,530 cars.

Prices: Foundry, $1.15; furnace, $1; crushed, $1.40 a ton.

The demand for coke takes a sudden spurt and over 8,000 cars go out of the region during the week. Many more ovens expected to go in.

James Cochran, oldest and one of the largest coke operators in the region, dies at his home in Dawson, aged 70 years.

The proposition to council to open up an alley through the old graveyard back of the Fourth ward school stirs the spirits of the departed who rest there to action and nightly seances are held by the ghosts in visible form. Persons who have kept a nightly vigil at the graveyard declare there is no doubt about it—the spooks are rising.

In a crash of freight trains on the Southwest branch at Everson, Alexander George, a brakeman, suffers severe injuries.

A. C. Gilmore, a former employe of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad here, goes to Sistersville, W. Va., to work for the Standard Oil Company.

J. G. Hicks gives a party in honor of the 21st birthday of his son, James.

Engineer F. A. Leiberger assigned to a passenger run between Connellsville and Pittsburg, after running the Yough Express for six years.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Phelan of the Pittsburg diocese administers confirmation to 100 children in the Immaculate Conception Church.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1884.

The coke trade is depressed. Furnaces consuming large quantities are shutting down and the demand is falling off. The list of idle ovens totals 1,513, compared with 1,382 a week ago.

Town council offers the Baltimore & Ohio railroad free taxes, new track privileges, and proposes to submit a proposition to donate $75,000 to the railroad to a vote of the people, if the railroad shops are established here.

Andrew Sakle of Trotter dies from the effects of blows about the head from a washboard wielded by William Santmeyer, who became enraged when he and several companions were refused admission to a foreign ball.

Burglars rob Lott Rush's restaurant of quantity of eatables and George Bosworth's news stand of $60 worth of tobacco and cigars and $12 in cash.

Waynesburg visited by a $20,000 fire, the Independent office and three other business places destroyed.

John Gilford of the Association Addition robbed of all his belongings by thieves who rifle his trunk. They overlooked, however, $250 concealed in a false bottom of the trunk.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1904.

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, November 19, shows a total of 23,330 ovens in the region, of which 16,274 are active and 7,056 are idle, with an estimated production of 196,541 tons.

Shipments for the week aggregated 11,209 cars, consigned as follows: To Pittsburg, 3,788 cars; to points West, 6,120 cars; to points East, 1,299 cars.

The demand for coke is unusually large and the trade takes a spurt. The H. C. Frick Coke Company has given orders to fire every oven. Prices are expected to rise accordingly.

Superintendent Lloyd of the Humbert Sheet & Tin Plate Mill receives orders to put the plant in shape for resumption. The mill employs 300 men.

As a result of an alleged attack on Rev. S. W. Swickard of Mount Pleasant, and Rev. B. F. Hankey of Scottdale, by [illegible] Wadsworth of Bullskin township, the former is [illegible]. The assailants have been arrested.

At a meeting of the United Presbyterian congregation, Kell Long, Dr. J. P. Kerr and W. E. Shaw are elected elders.

After a lingering illness, George W. Vance passes away at his home on Apple street, aged 71 years.

An oil well that produces six barrels a day drilled on the farm of D. E. Long, near Steystown, Somerset county.

In order to compete with the trolley company, the Pennsylvania railroad reduces its fare between Greensburg and Pittsburg almost one-half. The rate from Connellsville to Greensburg and return is cut from $1.25 to $1.

C. Roy Hetzel passes the state board examination and is qualified as a druggist's assistant.

The open grate has recorded another fatality in Fayette county, this time at Dunbar, with an adult as a victim. The Courier continues to protest against the danger of the open grate especially when it can be practically obviated by so cheap and effectual a remedy as the wire screen.

Villa is headed for Mexico City and the Dictatorship. Better let him go through the regular forms of bandit, insurgent, revolutionary leader, conqueror, dictator, down-and-outer.

The West Side ice team which ran away and [illegible] itself was probably excited over the report that a warm wave was on the way.

The new walk over the Youghiogheny bridge will pretty nearly make a sidewalk out of the Water street end of Main street.

[illegible] had nothing on Sunny Hill.

There will be plenty of dispute as to the justice of increased valuations in Connellsville, but it will be generally admitted that the properties which have been on the assessment roll have been valued too low.

$10,490,000 THE TOTAL VALUATION OF CITY FOR 1915

Unofficial Figures Show That the Assessment is Doubled.

WILL NOT BE MUCH REDUCED

Attitude of Council Is Apparently in Favor of Top Figures and Board of Appeals is Not Expected to Encourage a Reduction of the Values.

The unofficial total of the 1915 property assessment of Connellsville is $10,491,000, more than twice the total of 1914 and the last triennial assessment made by the county. The 1914 figures were $5,078,256. The new total was compiled in The Courier office from the list of assessment figures which are now being published.

Indications are that the new valuation will stand. It will certainly exceed $10,000,000, if the council, as a board of appeals, can keep it at that figure. The financial estimates for 1915 and future years have been based on a $10,000,000 valuation and the attitude of the board of appeals, it is believed, will be towards maintaining that figure, if possible.

Certain reductions must be made. Sentiment is against the wholesale increase in valuations. Although the impression was created that the burden of equalizing valuations was to fall upon the larger property owners, the assessors have scattered it generously. Probably 50 per cent of the properties of Connellsville have either been doubled in value, or more than doubled. The larger property owners will pay taxes on a valuation several times the old figures. Their's will be the most serious increase, but hundreds of smaller property owners, probably less able to stand increased taxation, will share a portion of the burden. As indicated in The Courier yesterday, lower taxation in 1915 will be enjoyed by only a few unless council is willing to arbitrarily reduce the high figures of the assessors. The totals compiled by The Courier from the valuations that have been made, show the following, by wards:

Ward	1914	1915
First	$1,200,201	$ 2,901,010
Second	653,545	1,152,550
Third	870,250	1,840,411
Fourth	807,065	1,723,405
Fifth	656,575	1,317,510
Sixth	396,800	801,010
Seventh	494,160	1,055,441
Total	$5,078,256	$10,491,000

Some properties have been assessed an amount in excess of their market value. One property, assessed at $18,000, is only carried on the books of the corporation owning it at $12,000, including quite a quantity of machinery. This is only one of the many instances where the assessors, it is claimed, have appraised property a sum equal to or in excess of its actual market value.

Some concern is expressed over the probable effects of the wholesale increase in valuations of downtown properties. For years it has been apparent that an adjustment must ultimately be made. The adjustment has come in the midst of a period of business depression, when those affected are less able to stand it than they would have been a few years ago. It is virtually certain that the owners of the properties must stand the increased taxes themselves. This is one time it will be virtually impossible to pass it along by increasing rents, as business conditions do not warrant such a course.

The smaller property owners will suffer along with the big fellows. The prospect of increased taxes will discourage realty transactions until the matter is definitely adjusted. For the majority of the owners of homes, especially those who rent their dwellings, any increase in tax means wiping out the small margin of profit that exists.

SOMERSET WEDDINGS

Matings of Cupid Among the Frosty Sons of Thunder.

SOMERSET, Nov. 24.—Miss Jennie O. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Thomas of Elk Lick township, and George E. Wilt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wilt of Garrett county, Maryland, were married at Salisbury by Rev. Ira S. Monn, pastor of the Salisbury United Evangelical Church.

Miss Alice Matilda Tressler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tressler, and Cyrus Vance Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Shaw of Goodtown, was married at Berlin by Justice of the Peace Allen C. Miller.

Miss Minerva Werneburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Werneburg of Somerset township, and Adam L. Shaulis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Shaulis of Allenvale, were married at the Somerset court house by Marriage License Clerk Bert F. Landis.

Miss Catherine Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell of Garrett, and John P. Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hogan of Dorchester, Va., were married at Meyersdale by Rev. John J. Brady of SS. Philip and James Catholic Church.

Miss Emma C. Kaufman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Kaufman, and Noah Hostetler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hostetler, both of Conemaugh township, were married at Holsopple by Rev. James Snyder.

Miss Margaret Pearle Haley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Haley, and John Bernard McHugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McHugh, both of Meyersdale, were married at Meyersdale by Rev. John J. Brady of the SS. Philip and James Catholic Church.

Mrs. Grace E. Weyand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman of Blackfield, Pa., and Charles W. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs John Fisher of Garrett, were married at Stoyestown.

Confined to His Home.

Rev. M. B. McLaughlin, an Evangelical minister, is confined to his home at Paradise, Bullskin township, with a sprained ankle suffered from a fall.

MOTHER IS BURNED TO DEATH; SAVES HER CHILD

Drops Baby When Her Clothing Ignites From an Open Grate: Tragedy at Dunbar.

Mrs. Smalley Smitley of Dunbar was burned to death on Tuesday when her clothing ignited from an open grate, and her 3-months-old child, which she had in her arms, had a narrow escape from a similar fate.

With her clothing a mass of flames Mrs. Smitley dropped the child to the floor, and then stumbled and fell on the bed, setting fire to the bed clothing. In the meantime the baby was rescued by a little girl by the name of James, who was at the Smitley home.

The James girl then ran across the street to the home of Mr. Smitley's parents and gave the alarm. The Dunbar furnace was called and the employes soon arrived on the scene and extinguished the flames before the house was badly damaged.

The body of Mrs. Smitley was burned to a crisp. It was taken charge of by Funeral Director J. R. Foltz and prepared for burial. The bed and all its contents were burned and the floor of the room was badly damaged.

Mrs. Smitley was only married several months ago. She is survived by her husband and child.

ELOPEMENT SPOILED

Youthful Pair Get License, but Parent Interferes With Ceremony.

Two 17-year-olds who set off gaily to get married, had their plans for future happiness rudely spoiled by the father of the prospective bridegroom Monday afternoon, aid by Patrolman Frank Ganoe. Roland Weaver of Scottdale, was the would-be bridegroom and Addie Torr of Ruffsdale was to be his bride. When the boy's father missed him yesterday morning, he became suspicious and after discovering that he and Miss Torr had gone off together on the trolley car, the father phoned to the police here to keep on the lookout for the pair.

It was discovered that they had gone to Uniontown and secured a marriage license by representing themselves to be 21 years old. Policeman Ganoe saw a couple that corresponded to the description that had been given him on the trolley car bound for Scottdale. He was not wrong in his supposition that this was the runaway couple. They were detained at police station until the irate father arrived.

The two declared that they would eventually get married, even if the ceremony had to be postponed for the present.

MURDER IS BELIEVED

Man Dies Friday: Bullet Holes Found Three Days Later.

Discovery was made Monday that Onetonio Bocnanio, who fell dead in the store of Stefe Romeo at Uniontown last Friday, did not succumb to heart failure but from the effects of two bullet wounds, one in his heart and the other in his leg. The wounds were discovered when an undertaker examined the body yesterday.

When the police were first summoned to the scene they found the dead man surrounded by a number of his countrymen in the store. The Italians gave a graphic description of how he had walked into the store and then suddenly dropped over dead. Nothing was said of any shots and a small scar on his head, suffered when he fell against the counter was apparently the only mark on him. Heart disease was taken to be the cause and the body was removed to an undertaker's.

No explanation of how it comes that the bullet wounds were not discovered until Monday has been given.

PINCHOT'S COSTLY RUN

He Put Up $50,000. Flinn $20,000; Money Bags Still Open

The Progressive party, defeated throughout the country in the last election, will be maintained for the 1916 presidential fight through the munificence of George W. Perkins and William Flinn. This was announced after a conference held by Flinn, E. A. Van Valkenburg and A. Nevin Detrich, Washington party state chairman in Philadelphia.

In connection with the visit of Flinn it became known that Gifford Pinchot expended $50,000 in his fight for United States senator; that Flinn's private expenditures were $20,000 and that the Washington State Committee expended $25,000.

WILL HOLD BENEFIT

Ladies' Auxiliary to the Hibernians Plan a Euchre.

At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, held at the home of Mrs. Connelly, plans were made for a benefit euchre to be held next Monday evening at the home of Miss Rose Meegan. Mrs. Michael Barry of Youngstown won a cushion given by the society.

Following the business meeting music and games were the amusements. A dainty luncheon was served. The members present were Mrs. Meegan, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Finnerty, Miss Meegan, Miss Lyons and Miss McGoogan.

PARDON RECOMMENDED

Man Who Shot Former State Cop May Gain Freedom

The board of pardons, in session at Harrisburg, has recommended a pardon for James Rush of Millsboro, Washington county, who was convicted of the murder of Walter Rogge, a constable, some months ago.

Rogge served in town here at one time, having been detailed by the state constabulary at Greensburg. He was shot by Rush when he went to investigate some trouble between Rush and a neighbor. Rush was subsequently convicted and sent to the penitentiary for a long term.

Marry in Cumberland.

James Walsh and Belle A. Whetzel both of Brownsville, were married in Cumberland yesterday.

CITY WOULD FORCE WATER COMPANY TO SUBMIT TO AN AUDIT

Mandamus is Asked of Court to Gain Access to Books.

FIRST STEP IN PURCHASE PLAN

City Solicitor Higbee Obtains Rule on Company Which is Returnable the First Monday in December: City Unable to See the Records.

The first step in city council's proposed plan to take over the plant of the Connellsville Water Company by purchase was made in court Tuesday when City Solicitor E. C. Higbee presented a petition for a mandamus upon the defendant company to compel it to permit an audit of its books and accounts by the city. The court issued an alternative mandamus on the water company which is returnable the first Monday in December.

In this petition City Solicitor Higbee sets forth that in order that the city may make an intelligent offer to the defendant for the purchase and acquisition of the said works and plant, and make arrangements to pay therefor, it is necessary for it to know the amount that will be required to be expended for this purpose and further, that the only method is by an examination and audit of the books, papers, records and vouchers of the defendant.

It is set forth that September 18, 1914, the plaintiff made demand for that purpose upon the defendant and that the defendant acknowledged by its writing under date of September 1, 1914, the making of such demand.

It is claimed that no further reply has been made to the demand of the plaintiff and that the defendant has, by its failure to comply, refused to permit the examination and audit of its books, papers, records and vouchers.

By reason of the premises and the refusal of the defendant to comply with the lawful demand of the plaintiff in this behalf, the plaintiff has suffered great damage and has no specific and legal remedy therefore, in the final claims.

The water company is required to show cause why it should not permit an audit of its books. The action of the city is taken under the Act of Assembly of April 15, 1874, governing the purchase of water works by municipalities.

EVERSON MAN, MISSING A WEEK, IS FOUND IN CREEK

Body of Frank Shandorf Discovered in Jacobs Creek, Beneath the Pennsylvania Bridge.

Frank Shandorf, who disappeared from his home last Wednesday and who was thought by his family to be in Greensburg, was found drowned in Jacobs creek, beneath the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Everson Tuesday afternoon. The body was discovered by John Chambers, driver for the H. C. Frick Coke Company's Everson car shops.

At first it was thought that a dummy had been placed in the water. Chambers, accompanied by J. F. Barkley, agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and several others, investigated. Upon turning the body over it was found to be that of Shandorf. Deputy Coroner W. M. Ferguson was immediately notified to take charge of the body.

Shandorf was nearly 70 years old and lived with his son in South Everson. He was employed as a coal digger at the Home works of Fred Trauft. The condition of the body indicated that it had been in the water for some days.

LEAVE FOR 'FRISCO

Local Men Start on Long Automobile Trip Across Continent.

Connellsville's first coast-to-coast automobilists, W. C. Bishop, Harry Workman and Stewart Stillwell of this city and Robert Stillwell of Masontown left Tuesday at 2 o'clock in Mr. Bishop's car.

Clad in khaki suits armed with blankets to protect them from cold until they get south far enough to feel the warm breezes, and equipped with complete camping outfits, the party is prepared for anything that comes up. On the car are special compartments for the outfit and the words "Connellsville, Pa., to Frisco" have been painted on the side.

The men expect to be gone at least a year. Before they return they will take in the Panama-Pacific Exposition and all places of interest in the West.

TURKEYS 14 CENTS.

Provident Families Get Them Cheap at Markleysburg.

The high cost of turkey is not bothering a number of provident local families, whose lords and masters have gone to a far country even unto Markleysburg, for fade fowls and succeeded in getting them for as low as 14 cents a pound.

The only difficulty with this arrangement is that the buyer must arrange to have his fowl transported here and pay all charges.

Memorial Services for B. F. Boyts.

The congregation and Sunday school of the Trinity Lutheran Church will hold memorial services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the church for B. F. Boyts. Mr Boyts was the founder of the Sunday school thirty years ago and Sunday will mark the third anniversary of his death.

Engineers are Fined.

C. M. Vance and E. J. Caldwell well known Baltimore & Ohio engineers, were fined $10 and costs yesterday morning by Magistrate E. M. Trich of McKeesport for exceeding the speed limit.

The Weekly Courier $1 a year.

NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED THE MONGAHELA RAILROAD

Court Refuses to Upset the Verdict Awarded for the Loss of Boy's Leg: Other Cases Heard.

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 24.—Judge Van Swearingen today refused a new trial in the case in which John Nagy of Millsboro was awarded damages in the sum of $1,000 and his father, John Nagy, Sr., $100, from the Monongahela Railroad Company for the loss of the boy's leg on March 16, 1910. The company appealed the case on the ground that the negligence of the defendant was not clearly shown, but the court refused to grant a retrial.

In the case of Maro Hazdwzak against the same railroad, in which the plaintiff was awarded 20 cents a day for 33 years or $2,005.80 in all a new trial was granted. The plaintiff received this unusual verdict for injuries suffered near Brownsville in 1911, but the court held that the form of the verdict was wrong.

Divorces were granted to Jessie H. Chew of Brownsville, from Harry Chew of Brownsville on grounds of desertion, and to Ethel L. Coldren of Brownsville from William A. Coldren of near Perryopolis on grounds of cruel and barbarous treatment.

The sentence of the court that A. C. Grimes should pay $4 a month to his wife was changed to $2 a week for the support of a child born since this sentence was imposed. In the meantime the woman has brought suit for divorce.

The marriage of Dora Cohen to John C. Anderson, convicted of bigamy was declared void by the court. Anderson is serving an indeterminate sentence of from 18 months to two years and his second wife sought to have the court legally declare her marriage void.

WOULD RESTRAIN GOODWIN FROM OPERATING A LAUNDRY

Attorney E. C. Higbee Asks An Injunction to Halt Concern's Plans.

Efforts to prevent the operation of a laundry here by F. O. Goodwin were begun in court today when Attorney E. C. Higbee, a stockholder in the Connellsville Steam Laundry Company, filed two bills in equity, one against F. O. Goodwin and the other against Goodwin, Mrs. Ida M. Goodwin, Louise J. Bunbage and Elizabeth J. Freese.

Higbee sets forth in his bill that on August 30, 1913, he paid Goodwin $1,000 as first payment on an agreement to buy Goodwin's interest in the Connellsville Steam Laundry Company, and within 20 days thereafter paid the balance, Goodwin receiving $18,529, or $150 a share for the 100 shares he held in the concern.

The petition further alleges that Goodwin entered into an agreement with the purchasers of the laundry to not again enter the laundry business in Fayette county. It is now claimed that he proposes to operate an opposition laundry, a building for that purpose being under construction.

In the petition involving the other defendants the same facts are set forth and the further allegation is made that the remaining defendants are persons of small means and have been taken into the concern for the sole purpose of enabling Goodwin to conceal his connection with the new company.

HOUCK WANTS HIS JOB

Seeks to Have Legislature Defeat Amendment.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 25.—Friends of Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck are planning to make a determined effort in the coming Legislature to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment abolishing the Internal Affairs Department.

Secretary Houck was re-elected this month and is to begin his third term in the office in May next. The amendment was approved by the Legislature of 1913, and if the 1915 session also approves it the proposal will go before the voters at the polls next November for final action. Houck's friends will try to prevent its passage through the coming Legislature, and if they succeed it will not go to a popular vote.

COUNCILMEN SENTENCED.

Cumberland Officials Refused New Trial by Court.

CUMBERLAND, Nov. 25.—Judge Keedy today overruled the motion for a new trial of three men who were found guilty of conspiracy to receive a bribe to pass a measure through the city council. Dr. T. A. R. Hummelshine, police commissioner, and Ward L. Eichelberger, finance commissioner, each was ordered to pay a fine of $200, one-third of the costs of the trial and to serve three months in the Allegany county jail.

H. Bruce Hummelshine was ordered to pay a fine of $100 and one-third of the costs, and to serve 60 days in the Allegany county jail. An appeal was taken.

CELEBRATION PLANNED.

King Solomon Lodge's Semi-Centennial Comes in December.

King Solomon Lodge, F. & A. M., will be 50 years old in December and plans are being made for an anniversary celebration which will take the form of a banquet and reception.

A committee has been appointed to arrange the details of the celebration. A number of speakers, prominent in Masonic circles, will be secured for the occasion.

TURKEYS FOR PATIENTS.

Hospital Inmates to Enjoy Real Thanksgiving Dinner Tomorrow.

Thanksgiving will be observed tomorrow at the Cottage State Hospital with a turkey dinner. Two large turkeys have already been received from W. T. Male and 18 patients will partake of the dinner.

As heretofore the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will donate flowers and towels.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE GOING TO VOTERS, PLEDGE OF CROW

State Chairman Expects Bill to Pass Legislature Again.

WILL COME UP AT 1915 POLLS

Fayette Senator Discusses Legislative Plans in Pittsburg; Predicts Brief Session of the Legislature; Next Speaker To Be From the "Country".

The pledge made by the Republican party to the suffragists of Pennsylvania will be kept. In its platform the promise was given that the amendment to the state constitution permitting women to vote would be agreed to by the Legislature of 1915 and submitted to the electors for their approval or disapproval. Senator William E. Crow, chairman of the Republican state committee, and leader of the Pennsylvania Senate, announced Tuesday that suffrage would be voted on next November. He promises the resolution to submit the question to the people will have easy sailing in the next Legislature.

The party is not pledged to give the women votes, but it has promised to give the women an opportunity to secure this right from the electors of the state. "I do not expect any fight on the suffrage amendment at this coming session of the Legislature," said Chairman Crow. "The party is pledged to submit the question to the voters and I anticipate little or no opposition to the fulfillment of this promise. Personally I am in favor of having the amendment submitted to the voters at the November election in 1915."

Senator Crow spent several hours in Pittsburg yesterday and his rooms at the Fort Pitt Hotel were crowded with men from this and other counties. Included in the out-of-town callers were Republicans from Beaver, Washington, Lawrence and Mercer counties. Many were anxious to know about appointments under the Brumbaugh administration. Crow says that he has had no conferences with the governor-elect and consequently has no information on what he intends to do in the way of cabinet building.

In answer to an inquiry about who would be the next speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman Crow replied: "The speakership should go to the country and I think it will. It should be remembered that the Republican state ticket was elected without votes of Allegheny and Philadelphia counties, and the people of the so-called country counties have a greater right than ever to name the speaker. In addition to this the next president pro tempore of the Senate comes from Allegheny county. Senator Charles H. Kline is entitled to this office and there will be no question about his receiving it. While I believe the speaker will come from a county outside of Allegheny and Philadelphia, I have no preferences. Any good man living in that territory will be satisfactory to me."

"We are going back to old principles in the next Legislature," said Senator Crow. "The presiding officers will be nominated in Republican caucuses and the speaker of the House and the president pro tempore of the Senate will name the committees. Every effort will be made to curtail the length of the session. I think we will be able to adjourn by April 15. This will give the new governor sufficient time to endeavor to put through any legislation he may have in mind. The people do not want a long, drawn-out session.

"We have promised that a workmen's compensation law would be passed and this will be done. Some of the objectionable features of the last measure will be eliminated and provision will be made for state insurance. It is also the intention to put through a child labor bill. If it is possible to reduce the working hours each week to 52 this will be done. Such a change would mean a reduction of six hours a week over the present law. The law regulating the employment of women will be amended to fit the child labor act. The women are now limited to 54 hours."

It is altogether probable that some changes will be made in the primary election laws. At the last session an effort was made to prevent fusion movements and to require all bodies of electors desiring to form independent parties to patent their parties prior to the primaries and make their nominations by the direct vote of the people.

Some change may be made in the placing of the names of the candidates on the non-partisan ballot at the November election. Senator Crow is of the opinion that a fair rule to follow would be to give the candidates receiving the highest vote at the primaries the preference as to location. The names are now placed in alphabetical order.

Another important problem before the next Legislature will be the means to be employed to continue the great system of road building. Since the people have refused to permit a bond issue other plans for financing the proposition must be found. Senator Crow believes that Governor Brumbaugh will have legislation to cover this subject and is waiting to hear what he has to propose. There is a strong probability that the revenues of the state for the next two years will be far below the estimates the last Legislature had to go on. It may be found necessary to add to the revenue sources in order to meet the requirements of the government.

Former Guard Runs Amuck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—William J. Hill, formerly a guard at San Quentin penitentiary, was exasperated to insane frenzy today by a trivial quarrel at the breakfast table and, running wild killed two persons and then committed suicide.

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OFFICIAL PENNSYLVANIA VOTE IS MADE PUBLIC

Complete Result of Recent Election of State Officers Announced at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 25.—The official count of the votes cast for candidates for state offices on November 3 were announced yesterday at the State Department following the receipt of the official returns from Allegheny county.

The votes and majorities were as follows:

Supreme Court—Frazier, 386,182; Kunkel, 377,878; scattering, 229; total vote, 764,289; Frazier's plurality, 8,304.

Superior Court—Clark, 234,016; Trexler, 498,417; scattering, 235; total, 732,668; Trexler's plurality, 264,401.

United States Senator — Palmer, Dem., 266,174; scattering, 21; total, 266,195. Pinchot, Wash., 202,555; B. M., 48,875; R. P., 17,657; total, 269,086. Penrose, Rep., 492,326; P. L., 20,686; scattering 9; total, 513,021. Whiteside, 37,987. Larkin, Pro., 17,682; Landis, Ind., 694; scattering, 4. Total vote cast, 1,101,969. Penrose's plurality over Pinchot, 243,935; over Palmer, 246,526; Pinchot over Palmer, 2,591.

Governor—McCormick, Dem., 313,499; Wash., 139,599; total, 452,182. Brumbaugh, Rep., 532,977; Key., 37,847; P. L., 17,878; total, 588,702. Allen, Soc., 40,117. Brumm, B. M., 1,021. Lewis, R. P., 6,474. Stevenson, Pro., 17,467. Harrison, Ind., 533. scattering, 5. Total votes, 1,109,524.

Lieutenant Governor—Creasy, Dem., 293,308; Key., 15,602; total, 308,510. Smith, Wash., 157,085; B. M., 23,166; R. P., 10,963, total, 191,214. McClain, Rep., 506,262; P. L., 19,621; total, 525,884. Shouls, Soc., 42,025. Whalen, Pro., 24,021. Anton, Ind., 671; scattering, 7. Total vote, 1,090,631. McClain's plurality of Creasy, 216,973; over Smith, 334,669.

Secretary Internal Affairs—McNair, Dem., 293,111; Lewis, Wash., 144,940; B. M., 18,913; R. P., 9,895; total, 173,778. Houck, Rep., 512,127; Key., 12,561; P. L., 16,316; total, 540,977. Ringler, Soc., 43,591; Smith, Pro., 25,901. Thomas, Ind., 958. Scattering, 5. Total vote, 1,077,326. Houck's plurality over McNair, 247,866, over Lewis, 367,199.

The summary of the vote for Congress-at-large shows the following: Democrats—Bright, 281,154; Caton, 265,183; Clark, 272,829; Crosby, 263,280. Washington, Bull Moose and Roosevelt Progressive—Mitchell, 193,106; Rupley, 185,553; Walters, 184,528; Watson, 180,834. Republican and Personal Liberty—Crago, 514,270; Garland, 507,626; Lafean, 501,798; Scott, 513,676. Socialist—O'Brien, 43,148; Hayden, 43,932; King, 42,388; Sell, 42,048. Prohibition—Hart, 27,27,561; Patter, 27,028; Pike, 24,209; Smith, 26,075. Keystone—Binz, 1,343; Holtz, 1,462; Lipsett, 1,080; Walker, 1,387. Industrialist—Erwin, 754; Mainell, 658; Derner, 638; Fisher, 1,121.

INSTITUTE AT PERRY

Farmers Will Hear Expert Talks on Friday and Saturday

Farmers of Perry township are interested in the annual Fayette County farmers' institute to be held Friday and Saturday in the high school building at Perryopolis. A most interesting program has been arranged. The opening session will convene at 1:15 p. m. and the institute will come to a close with a session Saturday evening.

The speakers are Fred W. Card of Sylvania, Pa.; L. W. Lighty of East Berlin, Pa., and E. L. Phillips, of New Bethlehem, Pa. The program will be interspersed with musical numbers by Miss Pauline Hodgkins, Miss Bertha Blythe and Miss Pleasie Murphy and readings by Miss Mabel Martin. The music committee is composed of Martha Harris, Vion Luce, William Leeper and Edward Williams.

FOUND DEAD IN BARN

Franklin Township Man Dies Suddenly While Milking

Charles Brown, 69 years old, a well known resident of Franklin township, was found dead on Tuesday in the barn at the home of his son, Clyde, with whom he made his home. Mr. Brown was milking a cow when he fell from the stool, dead, apoplexy being the cause of his sudden death. His lifeless body was found by a little girl who had been sent out to look for him by Mrs. Clyde Brown.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Bert, of Connellsville; Fred and Clyde, of Flatwoods and Mrs. Tena Blair of Perry township.

Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence at Flatwoods. Interment in Flatwoods cemetery.

VETERAN FOUND DEAD.

Death of William Firestone of Near Dawson Discovered by Boy.

William Firestone, 75 years old, a veteran of the Civil War, and well known in Fayette county, was found dead Tuesday afternoon at his home near Dawson by a boy who called at the Firestone home to deliver a message.

Since the death of his wife about three years ago Mr. Firestone lived alone in a small house near St. James Park.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Fisher of Layton and Mrs. Burns Layton of Connellsville. The body was removed to Funeral Director W. H. Parkhill's establishment at Dawson and prepared for burial.

Little Rock Is Spared.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 25.—Forest fires that have been menacing Little Rock, approaching within two miles of the business section of the city, subsided somewhat today and, with no wind to spread them, fear for the safety of the city was allayed.

Point Marion Selected.

At the closing session of the conference of the Christian churches of Fayette county, held at Brownsville yesterday, Point Marion was the place selected for the next conference to be held some time in February.

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DEATHS.

Reuben Miller.

Reuben Miller, 81 years old, a retired merchant tailor, died suddenly Monday at the home of his son-in-law, A. W. Bishop on West Main street. Mr. Miller, for a man of his advanced years, enjoyed remarkably good health and his sudden death came as a great shock to his family and friends. Apparently he was in the best of health.

Mr. Miller, accompanied by his dog, took his customary walk Monday and after eating a hearty dinner Monday evening, went out, returning about 8 o'clock. Later he retired to his room and had just completed reading a story to his wife, when he complained of a slight pain of the throat. Mrs. Miller went into another room to get him a drink of water and on her return life was extinct. Apoplexy is thought to have been the cause of his death.

Deceased was born at Lebanon, Pa., February 21, 1834, a son of Samuel and Mary Miller. He was twice married. To the first union two children, who died in their infancy, were born. Some time after the death of his first wife he married Miss Emma C. Clepper, who with one daughter, Mrs. Alice Bishop, wife of A. W. Bishop, and two grandsons, Eugene and Milton Bishop, survive.

Mr. Miller was a merchant tailor in Connellsville for a number of years and conducted a similar business in Greensburg for about 23 years. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this place and was at one time director of the choir. Since leaving Greensburg about four years ago Mr. and Mrs. Miller have resided with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop.

Mr. Miller was a constant reader and although a man of a very quiet disposition, he took a great interest in current events. He was a member of the Independent Order of Heptasophs. He was one of the best known and highly respected residents of Connellsville.

Funeral from the First Methodist Episcopal Church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, the pastor, officiated. Interment in Hill Grove Cemetery.

Samuel J. Freeman, Jr.

Samuel J. Freeman, Jr., 33 years old, a former resident of Connellsville, died Tuesday at his home in Akron, O., following an illness of complication of diseases. His brother, George W. Freeman of the West Side, left Tuesday for Akron.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs Samuel Freeman, Sr., and is well known in and about Connellsville. He has been a resident of Akron for about 3 years. In addition to his widow and children and brother, George W. Freeman, he is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. John Echard of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Harry Franks of Connellsville.

Lela Sproul.

Lela Sproul 11 years old, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Sproul, died Tuesday at her home near Ohiopyle following a several days' illness of diphtheria. She was taken ill last Thursday. Private interment will take place today at Mount Washington cemetery near Farmington.

Deceased is survived by her mother and three brothers, Oliver, Lloyd and Fred Sproul, all at home. Her father, George Sproul, died two years ago last March.

Captain G. W. Brooks.

Captain G. W. Brooks, a retired farmer of Mill Run, died November 18 at his home following an illness due to the infirmities of old age. Captain Brooks was in his eighties and was a veteran of the Civil War. He spent virtually all his life at Mill Run. He was twice married. His first wife's death occurred in 1890 and he later married Mrs. John Kooser, who with the following children survives: Alex Brooks, Wilson Brooks, Mrs. L. T. Gilbert, Mrs. Norman Kennell of Scottdale; Mrs. H. L. Krepps, Mrs. David H. Flick, Connellsville; C. K. Brooks, Mrs. Jacob Friend, Mill Run, and Walter Brooks, Normalville. He was the grandfather of Clarence W. Brooks of this place. Deceased enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil War and served until it closed. He was twice wounded.

Aaron Lint.

Aaron Lint, 59 years old, died on Monday at the home of his son, Stewart Lint in Lower Tyrone township. Death was due to old age. Mr. Lint spent practically his entire life in Lower Tyrone township and was one of its best known citizens.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from Stewart Lint's residence, Rev. H. A. Baum, pastor of the Cochran Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Cochran Cemetery.

Mr. Lint is survived by five sons, four daughters, 79 grandchildren and 99 great grandchildren. His wife died several years ago.

T. Irwin Altman

Thomas Irwin Altman proprietor of the Altman House, Uniontown, and well known throughout Fayette county, died Monday at his home following a several months' illness.

Mr. Altman was a life-long resident of Fayette county. He was born at Masontown, April 2, 1861, a son of Wesley W. and Elizabeth Rohrer Altman. About ten years ago he went into the hotel business at Masontown and eight years ago purchased the Moran House in Uniontown from James Moran and changed the name of the hostelry to the Altman House.

He married Margaret R. Miller, who, with the following brothers and sisters, survive: James R., of Masontown, Calvin C., of Uniontown; William J., of Johnstown; Myers M., of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Mary E. Johnston of West Cairo, O., and Mrs. Merle Darrell of Uniontown. He was a member of the Uniontown Lodge of Elks.

Falls From Roof.

While fixing the roof of his home near Morrell Monday afternoon, August Schell, 73 years old, fell from a ladder a distance of about 15 feet, suffering painful lacerations of the scalp and bruises to the shoulder. He was removed to the home of his son, James E. Schell at South Connellsville.

COUNTY LETS THE CONTRACT FOR NEW SIDEWALK ON BRIDGE

Connellsville Iron Works is the Successful Bidder.

WILL START WORK NEXT WEEK

Manager W. E. Kelly Expects to Put Big Gang on the Work Immediately; Congestion Will be Relieved When Yough Bridge Gets New Footpath.

The Connellsville Iron Works, of which William E. Kelly is manager, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the sidewalk on the south side of the Yough bridge. Work on the steel frame will commence this week and will be pushed as rapidly as possible in order to be ready for the concreting when the first good weather comes.

The contract has been pending for some time, but was awarded to Kelly at the price of $8,500. All the work, including the concreting, will be done by the iron works. It is expected that a gang of 20 men will be kept busy during the construction of the walk.

The walk is to be the full length of the bridge and six feet six inches wide. It will be made of steel and concrete. The railing that is on the south side of the bridge at present will be left there to prevent anyone from stepping on the street car tracks.

The landing of the walk will be made near the South Connellsville car tracks in front of the Yough House. The question of where to make a landing was one of the chief causes for the delay in awarding the contract. The walk will narrow Main street between Water and Arch, but vehicles can go up Apple street without inconvenience, or may use Dean avenue.

Steps similar to those on the north side will be constructed reaching from the bridge to Water street. The Connellsville Water Company will have to swing its line under the walk instead of running it on the outside as at present.

Manager Kelly says that between 45 and 50 tons of iron and steel will be used in the construction of the walk and that it will be stronger than that on the north side.

The new walk across the bridge has been advocated for some months past. West Side residents who use the bridge daily, pointed out the need for a second walk. At present there is but one footpath, and often this is so congested that persons are forced into the wagon road, thereby endangering themselves.

Merchants on the south side of Main street, both on the east and west sides of the river, will benefit to some extent as some travel will be diverted from the north side of that thoroughfare. The great advantage of the new walk, however, will be in the greater safety and comfort accorded pedestrians who are forced to use the bridge.

WORK FOR BOYS

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Offers Them Chance to Earn Christmas Money.

With the Christmas season approaching and Christmas funds not over-abundant in many homes, Secretary Baer of the Y. M. C. A. offers to any boy in Connellsville who wants to do some hustling a chance to earn enough money to buy a nice Christmas present for every member of his family. The work is of a kind that will try his mettle and do him good, and will pay well for the effort put forth. There is no limit to the number of boys who can be employed, but those who wish to try out the work must be at the Y. M. C. A. between school hours and 6 o'clock on Monday.

Boys who have never been members of the Y. M. C. A. will be required to bring the written consent of parent or guardian to their applications for work. The work will be of several different kinds, but there will be no "cinches" offered. The applicants must come with the purpose of honestly earning the money they will get, but may be assured that honest and persistent work will be liberally rewarded.

NOMINATE OFFICERS

G. A. R. Veterans Select List of Candidates to Vote Upon

At a meeting of the William Kurtz Post No. 104, Grand Army of the Republic, Friday nominations for officers for the ensuing year were made. The election will not be held until next month and the new officers will not take up their offices until January. Other business was transacted.

The nominations are: Commander, W. P. Clark; Senior Vice Commander, Smith Dawson; Junior Vice Commander, E. Dunn; Officer of the Day, Lloyd Johnson; Chaplain, J. R. Balsley; Sergeant, John Reagon; Quartermaster, Henry Kurtz; Officer of the Guard; A. Drebert, Quartermaster Sergeant, Whiteley; Sergeant-Major, J. A. Dixon; Inside Guard, J. L. Collins; Outside Guard, Clark Collins; Bugler, J. Z. Pritchard.

TO GET XMAS FEED

Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Jail Eliminated This Year

Preparations are being made by Warden Newton Newcomer of the county jail to serve a Christmas dinner, the regular Thanksgiving Day spread having been eliminated this year.

There are now 118 prisoners in the jail and as the number is increasing daily, it is reasonable to expect that at least 150 will be served on Christmas.

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CREDIT ASSOCIATION IS FORMED BY BUSINESS MEN

Organization is Effected at a Meeting in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

At a meeting of business men in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Friday night a Credit Men's Association was formed, the object of which will be to bring about a more effective system of collecting accounts. F. T. Evans was elected president, and Alfred Kobacker, vice president.

No secretary or treasurer was chosen, the plan being to combine these offices and tender the position to some attorney, in the belief that a member of the legal profession will have more weight in the collection of bills. A committee of J. W. McClaren, Alfred Kobacker and F. M. Richey, Jr., was named to interview attorneys and choose one for the position. They will report at the next meeting of the association on Friday, November 27.

Stationery is to be printed and members of the association may have bills collected through the secretary, who will send out letters to the delinquents, signed by an executive committee of 10 men representing different kinds of business. Joseph Tippman, David Wertheimer and Meyer Aaron were named as a committee to recommend members of this executive committee. A directory of Fayette and Westmoreland counties is to be gotten out, rating each buyer, according to his method of paying. The system will be the means of establishing an intelligent credit system which will be beneficial to merchant and consumer.

The meeting was presided over by J. B. Williams, representing the Merchants' Mercantile Agency. F. M. Richey, Jr., was temporary secretary. Mr. Williams showed that with a branch association here, its connection with the mercantile associations in other parts of the country would facilitate the collection of bills from debtors who have removed from the city.

HIT BY AN AUTO

Machine Strikes B. & O. Laborer a Solar Plexus Blow

What might have been a serious accident occurred on the West Side Friday between 5.30 and 7 o'clock, when John Rhodes hit Pasquale Pluto, a foreigner, at the corner of Fourth and Main streets with his automobile. The injured man was taken to the office of Dr. C. W. Utts and examined but no serious hurts were found. He had the wind knocked out of him, the automobile having hit him on the solar plexus.

Rhodes was coming up Main street when his wheels became caught in the car tracks. In turning out a tire blew out, and the car skidded into the crossing at Fourth and Main streets. Pluto, who is employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was returning from work and was crossing Fourth street when the automobile skidded, and struck him. He was soon able to go home.

ICE IS SPILLED

Runaway Team Scatters Big Cakes Along Its Course.

Excitement was caused on the West Side Friday afternoon when a team of horses belonging to the Union Supply Company's store at Adelaide ran off. The wagon was being loaded at the cold storage plant on the West Side when for some unknown reason the horses bolted. When passing the Columbia Hotel a cake of ice slipped out and broke to pieces in the street.

At the corner of Veech and Main streets the animals turned towards Limestone Hill and another cake of ice fell out. The driver ran up Main street and, getting into an automobile, started the chase. The third cake of ice fell at the foot of Limestone Hill and with a light wagon the horses climbed the grade. They were caught at the top being winded and not able to run any farther.

ASKS NEW TRIAL

Attorneys for Monessen Man Ask That He be Given Another Hearing.

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 21.—Argument on the motion for a new trial of the case in which Michael J. Hill of Monessen was convicted of performing an illegal operation on Carrie Smith, was heard by Judge Umbel today.

E. E. Robbins of Greensburg and Joseph Ray represented the petitioner. The former arraigned the conduct of R. P. Kennedy, attorney for the plaintiff during the trial, claiming that it was unprofessional and merely for the purpose of influencing the jury.

In the motion for a new trial the petitioner alleges that the charge was only brought after Hill had made information against the girl, charging her with the theft of a diamond ring.

WAR MESSAGE ON COIN

"End Germany" Stamped on Half Dollar Which Reaches Bank.

What some deluded person thought would be a fine scheme to encourage sentiment against Germany in the war came to light locally, when A. B. Hood, teller of the Second National Bank discovered a silver half-dollar among his silver with the words "End Germany and War" stamped on its back.

Where the coin came from is a mystery, but it was apparently stamped from a die, the letters being cut very deep. All such coins are of no value, bank officials say, coming under the "mutilated" class, and the persons responsible for the mutilation, if caught, would be severely dealt with by the government.

Follows Husband to Grave.

Four days after the death of her husband, Mrs. Ellen Bittner of Cumberland died Wednesday in a sanatorium near Somerset.

Marry in Cumberland.

Frank Schefflbauer and Leota Bryner, both of Uniontown, were married in Cumberland yesterday.

FOREST NOTES

The town forest of Baden-Baden Germany, yields an annual profit of $5.25 per acre, or a total net profit of nearly $67,500.

Outside of its use for fence posts, black locust finds its principal utilization in insulator pins and brackets for telegraph and telephone lines.

One hundred shade trees will be planted by the Massachusetts forestry association in cities or towns of four population classes which win prize contests for excellence in street tree planting.

The Russian government has placed an embargo on all kinds of lumber, to prevent its exportation; walnut lumber, including Circassian walnut, much prized by American furniture makers, is specificially mentioned.

Experiences with forest fires on the national forests this year show that automobiles, where they can be used, furnish the quickest and cheapest transportation for crews of fire fighters. Motor rates are higher than those for teams for the actual time employed, but the total cost per distance traveled and in wages paid to men in getting to fires is much less. The time-saving is self-evident; trips which ordinarily require two days time have been made by an omobile in a few hours.

GOOD SPEAKERS ENGAGED FOR THE CITY INSTITUTE

Superintendent S. P. Ashe Announces Instructors for the Sessions this Week.

The program for the first two days of city teachers' institute as arranged by Superintendent S. P. Ashe includes some of the best instructors procurable. There will be four sessions, morning and afternoon, on Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28. Three more days of institute will be held on the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday of January. The list of speakers follows:

Dr. C. C. Ellis of the department of philosophy at Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa., who was one of the instructors at the county teachers' institute two years ago.

Dr. Jesse H. White of the department of psychology, University of Pittsburg, who was here last year and whose lectures were of much benefit to the teachers.

Superintendent of Schools John S. Carroll, known throughout the state as a prominent educator.

Prof. J. Harry Shoemaker department of English at Slippery Rock Normal School, a leading institute instructor, though new to this section of the state.

Miss Agnes B. Ferguson, superintendent of physical training for girls for the Pittsburg Playgrounds Association, who will demonstrate plays and games.

The soloist will be Miss Marian Munson, a graduate of the high school and now a student at Beaver College. Miss Pearl Keck will be accompanist.

GOING TO SOUTH AMERICA

Joseph Cuneo and Orren Helmbaugh Leave Here Today.

Joseph Cuneo and Orren L. Helmbaugh left Monday afternoon for New York whence they will sail on Saturday on the steamship Tennyson for Buenos Ayres, Argentina. They expect to make their future home in the South American country, both having secured positions with the American Tobacco Company which has large interests in Argentina.

Owing to the fact that shipping interests are largely tied up because of the war, the voyage will take 28 days, and the dates on which other steamers will leave for South America are not guaranteed.

Unusual red tape was necessary before the two local men could get passports. After going through the usual form, their requisition was sent back with the statement that their photographs would have to be attached, together with the signature of the county clerk of courts and the court seal. These extra requirements have only been necessary since the war in Europe broke out. The photograph attached to a passport makes it impossible to transfer it to some other person.

GET FIVE DEER

Local Men Successful in Clinton County Trip.

Among the first of the "big game" hunters to return home is W. B. Carson of town, who, with J. W. Cornish and son, H. C. Brooks and J. G. Kuhn of Uniontown, spent a week or more near Loganton, Clinton county. They got five deer and a quantity of small game.

The trip was made in Mr. Cornish's automobile and at Loganton they joined a party of farmers. Thirty deer were sighted and the local party's share of the bag was five.

Stanley Jackson will arrive home Thursday from a hunting trip in Centre county. Saturday three deer were bagged by the party. Mr. Jackson shot one of them and early last week he shot a bear.

EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED.

County Superintendent Fixes Date for County Diploma Tests.

County Superintendent of Schools John S. Carroll has announced examinations for county diplomas will be held in the various districts Saturday, April 17.

Pupils who pass in all the common branches, including algebra and civil government, will receive diplomas and high school certificates will be granted to successful applicants who are examined in the common branches only.

Patrons Day is Set.

Friday, February 19, has been set aside as patrons day in the public schools of the county and it is hoped that the teachers put forth every possible effort to have as many visitors present on this day as possible. On December 16 and 17 the school directors of Fayette county will meet.

FARMERS AND BLOODHOUNDS SEEKING CHICKEN THIEVES

Loss of 500 Fowls in Past Few Weeks Results in General Search for Miscreants.

The theft of approximately 500 chickens from farmers in Dunbar township in the last few weeks has put them in arms and as a result the bloodhounds of Warden Newcomer of the county jail are scouring the country today in the hopes of getting some trace of the thieves.

The bloodhounds have been tried once before, but on account of the drouth were not able to follow the tracks. A determined attempt is being made to run down the thieves and there are plenty of irate farmers to follow the dogs.

The dogs were hired by R. S. Patterson, a truck farmer of Dunbar township, who had chickens stolen from him Friday. He is not certain of the number taken, but 30 heads were found near the coop. Mrs. I. P. Stoner, who lives across the road from Patterson, had 57 taken from her Friday night.

The thieves did not have an easy time at the Patterson coop, however. Patterson had set a bear trap in the coop. It was sprung and a piece of man's clothing was found in it. From the tracks in the snow about the coop it is thought that there were several men in the party. The opinion of the farmers is that the thieves have an automobile or wagon that they make their getaway in.

Several small thefts of chickens have been reported from the South Side but they do not occur often. Petty thefts are still being committed especially on Saturday nights, when the roast for the Sunday dinner is in the refrigerator.

FALLS FROM TRAIN

Fireman Tumbles from Tender and is Found Beside Tracks.

Roy Deevers of Dickerson Run, a Pittsburg & Lake Erie passenger fireman, is in a Pittsburg hospital in a serious condition as the result of an accident with which he met Saturday night while on his return trip from Pittsburg to the West Side. The accident occurred near a water tank a short distance out of Pittsburg and the supposition is that Deevers was about to look after the tank of his engine when a piece of coal on which he was standing slipped, causing him to fall from the engine.

His absence from the engine was not discovered by Engineer William Gillespie until he pulled into the water tank. A search was then made and Deevers was found lying along the tracks in an unconscious condition. He was removed to the hospital at once and his family at Dickerson Run was notified. Mrs. Deevers has been at his bedside since the accident. This morning he had not regained consciousness and it is feared his injuries will prove fatal. Deevers was an engineer until recently when on account of slack times he was put back to firing.

DAWSON WINS CONTEST

Defeats Liberty School in Old Fashioned Spelling Bee.

In a spelling match between Dawson and Liberty schools Friday afternoon Dawson won both written and oral contests and established its supremacy.

In the written contest, 50 words selected from a list of 460 by Principal L. R. Miller of Connellsville were given and Dawson's average was 98 5-6, and Liberty's 92 5-6.

In the oral contest there were 12 of each side and words from the same list of 460 were given. When the contest ended, Dawson had 11 of its 12 standing while Liberty had only four.

The schools were coached by their principals, Frank W. Jones of Dawson and A. M. Snyder for Liberty.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Altoona Man is Found Guilty of Crime Near Greensburg

GREENSBURG, Nov. 20.—Harry E. Filler of Altoona was found guilty of murder in the first degree yesterday afternoon after the jury had deliberated three hours. Filler is charged with the murder of Jacob Blank, an auto bus driver, on the night of August 28, near Jamison mine No. 1. Blank had been beaten to death with a blunt instrument and robbed by the murderer.

Filler caused a sensation in the court room yesterday when he attacked James Kinney, a witness for the prosecution. Filler was handcuffed, and as he was passing Kinney, struck him in the face with both fists.

RESIDENCES ROBBED.

Ladder Stolen From One Used to Enter Another House.

After robbing the residence of C. W. Bettler at the corner of Davidson and Vine streets of all the eatables, some time Saturday night, thieves took a ladder from the premises and used it to climb to a window in the home of Joseph Luinger, a short distance away on Vine street. Here, too, they ransacked the place for things to eat.

The robbery is believed to have been the work of tramps, for nothing was taken from either house but vegetables, meats and other provisions which were to go toward making up the Sunday dinners of the families.

GANOE WINS CASE.

Local Cop Gets Judgment for $175 From Uniontown Borough

Frank Ganoe, of the local police force, secured a judgment against the borough of Uniontown on Saturday for $175 due for back salary while a member of the police force of the latter town. Interest goes with the judgment.

The Uniontown council has announced its intention of appealing the case to court, notwithstanding the fact that an order for the payment of Ganoe's salary was made at the time he first made his claim.

Will Dedicate School.

The dedication of the new school building at Lemont will take place on Friday, December 4.

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MT. PLEASANT FIREMEN FIGHT FIRE THREE HOURS

Bitter Cold Hampers Their Efforts to Extinguish Blaze in a Bottling Factory.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Nov. 23.—Yesterday about 11 o'clock fire broke out in the D. P. Lowe bottling plant and residence on Main street. The loss will total about $5,000 and is partially covered by insurance. The house was gutted by fire. The weather boarding shell and some of the machinery in the plant is all that is left. The bottling plant was on the first floor and alongside of this was the furnace cellar where it is supposed the fire started from an overheated furnace. Mr. Clyde Lowe and little daughter were the only persons in the house when she discovered the fire. Mr. Lowe was at the stable at the rear of the lot. An alarm was sent in but the day was the first real cold one and with the wind and snow caused people to lock their doors tights and only a few persons were on the street. The whistle could not be heard.

The fire traveled up along the wall between the plastering and weatherboarding to the attic. The local fire department answered the call quickly despite the fact that the streets were a glare of ice and the hose carts and hook and ladder swayed from one side to the other. Their work was splendid from the fact that nothing could be done in the house on account of steam and smoke. The water as it fell on the ladders froze and the roof of the house as well as other houses was covered with ice. Three streams of water were played on the fire. The men worked from 11 to 2 o'clock before the fire was extinguished. John Fitzpatrick and Harry Marsden were stationed and watched the building last night.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS REOPEN; BUILDING IS FUMIGATED

Sessions are Resumed Following Consideration of Matter in Board of Health.

The parochial schools resumed Monday after being closed since last Tuesday because of the prevalence of scarlet fever. They were opened after the board of health and Rev. J. F. Burns agreed that it would be the best course to follow.

Health Officer George Hetzel had thoroughly fumigated the rooms during the vacation and today a list of children from the school suffering with scarlet fever was furnished to the school authorities so that they may keep a strict quarantine on them. There were 14 since October 19. No cases of scarlet fever have been reported since last Wednesday though chickenpox and whooping cough patients are numerous.

A significant fact has been pointed out after an examination of the contagious disease cards that are sent in by the board. The date of onset of the disease seems to be regarded lightly by some physicians. A number fail to fill in any date, others show the date of onset to be as far back as 10 days before the cases are reported; and others mark it "indefinite." This laxity is declared to have a big effect on the spread of the disease, for of 10 days elapse from the time a contagious disease is diagnosed and the time it is quarantined, there is likely to be other cases develop.

EXTENDS ITS LINES

Water Company Supplies Families Whose Wells Are Dry.

Owing to the fact that the dry weather caused a number of wells and springs to go dry, the Connellsville Water Company is laying about 700 feet of pipe on Youghiogheny avenue, South Connellsville, from First street to the Paper Mill road to supply the houses of Joseph Wurtzman, Henry J. Smith and William Sisley.

A large force of men is at work on the job in order that the water can be supplied at the earliest possible date, the families being without a supply because their wells and springs have dried up.

"This is quite a long distance to lay a water line for so few houses," Superintendent Little declares, "but we are anxious to be liberal in this respect and are willing to extend our mains to any point within reason to accommodate new consumers."

ROBBERS AT CONFLUENCE

Blacks' Department Store Entered and Suits are Taken

Robbers broke into the store of A. G. Black Sons Company at Confluence early Sunday morning and decamped with a dozen suits of clothes and several pairs of shoes. Bloodhounds from Garrett traced the thieves to the upper water tank, where they apparently boarded a freight train and escaped.

Entrance to the store was gained through a coal hole in the pavement on Hughart street, in front of the store. Once in the cellar, the thieves forced a panel of a door and unbolted it, thereby gaining access to the main portion of the building.

The belief exists in Confluence that the burglars were familiar with their surroundings and were informed as to the best method of gaining an entrance.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

F. J. Stader's Clothing Ignites From an Open Gas Stove.

F. J. Stader of Latrobe had a narrow escape from serious burns on Wednesday afternoon when his clothing ignited from a gas grate. Having been turned on too suddenly the gas flared out and his right sleeve ignited. Unable to attract the attention of passersby, Mr. Stader ran into the street calling for help.

Simon Fry, who was working nearby, came to his rescue and removed the burning shirt, thus preventing serious and painful burns. He suffered slight burns about the arms and shoulders. Mr. Stader is the father of Funeral Director J. L. Stader and James B. Stader.

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OPPOSE RECOGNITION

Catholic Federation Wants Religious Rights in Mexico Protected First.

At a meeting of the federation of Catholic societies of Fayette and Washington counties held on Sunday afternoon in Uniontown, resolutions were drawn up to be sent to President Wilson protesting against recognizing the Mexican government unless they uphold religious rights.

Talks were given by Mr. Connolly, president of the Washington county federation; P. B. Rogers, president of the Fayette county federation, and Rev. Father J. J. Greaney of Leisenring. Following the meeting an oyster supper was served by Division No. 1 of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The next meeting will be held Sunday, January 17.

Star Junction Man Improving.

O. S. Blair of Star Junction, who is ill in a hospital at Richmond, Ind., was tendered a postcard shower Sunday in honor of his 62d birthday. Mr. Blair, who has been ill since September, is improving rapidly.

Legal Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the first and final account of Jasper T. Sembower, receiver of People's [illegible] Co., has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 7th day of December, A. D., 1914, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary. WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 5, 1914. 6nov-d12-19-2ow

Divorce Notice.

George Patterson, Attorney.

ELMER KING VS. HANNAH KING. In the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pa., No. 151 September Term, 1914. To Hannah King, respondent, you are hereby notified that the subpoena and alias subpoena in this case having been returned "Non est inventus," you are therefore required to appear in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pa., on the first Monday of December of said court, A. D. 1914, to answer the libel and complaint filed therein, and show cause, if any you have, why a divorce from the bonds of matrimony should not be granted the libellant above named. MART A. KIEFER, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, November 6, 1914.

Legal Notices.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the first and final account of John F. Flack, committee of Jonathan Burton, a weak minded person, has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 7th day of December, A. D., 1914, and will be confirmed and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary. WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 3, 1914.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the first and final account of S. R. Goldsmith, assignee of John J. McCarthy, has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 7th day of December, A. D., 1914, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary. WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 3, 1914.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the account of A. I. Cochran, guardian of George G. Cochran, a weak minded person, has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 7th day of December, A. D., 1914, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary. WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 3, 1914.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the sequestrator's account of life estate of John T. Darby, has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the 7th day of December, A. D., 1914, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary. WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 3, 1914. 5nov4tw

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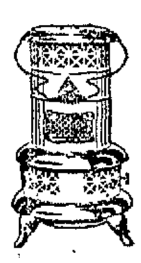

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HUNDRED TABLES ARE IN PLAY

Guests Present From Scottdale, Mount Pleasant, Dawson, Dunbar and Uniontown. Practically Everything is Donated by Generous Business Men

Success marked the Red Cross charity card party held last week at the armory for the benefit of the Belgian sufferers. It was the first event of the kind given in which towns from the two counties have united and for the past week or more prominent society women from Connellsville, Scottdale, Uniontown, Mount Pleasant and Dawson had untiringly worked toward its success.

Quite a nice sum will be realized for the stricken Belgians. While the exact amount was not known at noon it is expected that it will reach about $500. Four hundred tickets were distributed at first in the five towns and a second lot was issued.

Practically everything including the armory, the music by Kiferle's orchestra, the chairs, card tables, prizes and decorations were donated.

Mrs. James Asa Childs was general chairman of the relief committee with the following women as chairmen of the committees in the different towns: Connellsville, Mrs. [illegible] Snyder; Scottdale, Mrs. A. C. Overholt; Uniontown, Miss Frances Howell; Dawson, Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran, and Mount Pleasant, Mrs. John D. Hitchman. Too much credit cannot be given these women and their co-workers for the successful manner in which the affair was conducted.

Not a detail was overlooked in entertaining the guests which numbered about 400.

A special street car in which standing room was at a premium conveyed the guests from Scottdale and Mount Pleasant, while Dawson and Uniontown and Dunbar also sent large delegations.

Over 100 tables were brought into play for bridge and five hundred.

Adding greatly to the enjoyment of the afternoon was a delightful musical program, including the latest successes given by Kiferle's orchestra. Each number was generously applauded.

The spacious hall never presented a more striking scene, the handsome gowning of the ladies and the attractive decorations carried out in the patriotic colors, making a very pretty contrast. Profusions of large flags and bunting were artistically arranged, while many large ferns introduced a touch of green into the color scheme. Following the games a dainty luncheon consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee was served.

Among the prize winners were Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mrs. J. P. Torrence, Miss Mary Arkwright, Mount Pleasant; Miss Cathryn Kirk, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Presley Hurst, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Harry Parker, Scottdale; Mrs. S. M. Crosby, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. F. L. Marsh, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. B. A. Davis, Uniontown; Mrs. W. J. Bailey, Connellsville; Miss Rosalie Kobacker, Mount Pleasant; Miss Madeline Brennan, Scottdale; Mrs. P. J. Harrigan, Connellsville; Mrs. Warren Rush, Uniontown; Mrs. William Kenney, Scottdale; Miss Elizabeth Hurst, Mount Pleasant; Miss Ruth Byers, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. A. M. Hitchman, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. W. Z. Eicher, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. George Whyel, Uniontown; Miss Mabel Eicher, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. C. D. Anderson, Connellsville; Mrs. J. Searight Marshall, Uniontown; Mrs. Josephine Reid, Connellsville; Mrs. M. A. Kiefer, Uniontown; Mrs. Charles Work, Connellsville; Mrs. H. J. Atkinson, Connellsville; Mrs. F. C. [illegible], Connellsville; Miss Lena Larkin, Scottdale; Mrs. I. M. Dawson, Scottdale; Mrs. D. L. Cowan, Uniontown; Mrs. R. D. Henry, Dawson; Mrs. P. Miller, Scottdale; Mrs. M. [illegible], Mount Pleasant; Mrs. W. C. Mullin, Uniontown; Miss Anne Dawson, Uniontown; Mrs. H. C. Hoffman, Connellsville; Miss Gertrude Madigan, Connellsville; Mrs. Frank [illegible], Connellsville; Mrs. W. O. Schoonover, Connellsville; Mrs. N. A. Rist, Dawson; Mrs. J. Clyde [illegible], Connellsville; Miss Marie Moore, Dawson; Mrs. E. E. [illegible], Dawson, and Mrs. J. F. Buttermore, Connellsville.

Among those who donated the prizes were the Wright-Metzler Company, Kobackers, Cuthbertson & Roe, A. B. Kurtz, J. C. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Doyle, Mrs. Pearl Hellen, and [illegible] Thomas, all of Connellsville; McCreery's, Joseph Horne & Co., Hardy & Hayes and Rosenbaums of Pittsburg. The Courier Company donated all the tickets. Among the donors in Mount Pleasant were Fisher Brothers, L. C. Smith, J. A. Bowman, C. F. Coldsmith, Freed Brothers, Myer Posner, Louie Levinson, Kobackers, The Leader, Rumbaugh Brothers, Teitelbaum & Co., [illegible] Furniture Company, W. L. Smith, S. J. Colvin & Co., F. W. Woolworth & Co. and C. L. Kuhn.

Others who donated were Altman & Work, Wallace Furniture Company, Sedersky & Rapport, Smith House, Royal Hotel, Yough House and Arlington Hotel, Funeral Directors J. F. Sims, C. C. Mitchell and J. L. Stader, the Parochial school and James L. Schell, the South Connellsville florist.

Several private checks, including one for $50 from the Youth [illegible] Social Club, were received. The donation of [illegible] Wagner as the share of the Globe Theatre on benefit day amounted to $1.

Mrs. Childs has written to Miss Mabel Boardman of Washington, head of the Red Cross Society, for information regarding the sending of the money to Belgium.

Misses Eleanor Marshall and Miss Anne White, with a number of aides, had charge of the decorating.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DISCUSSES TYPHOID FEVER

Absolute Isolation of Patients Only Way to Prevent Spread of the Disease, Urges Rigid Quarantine.

The great increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever which always accompanies the opening of the schools in the fall has caused the United States Health Service to issue at this time a bulletin on this serious disease of childhood.

While the way in which scarlet fever is spread and its prevention are well known to health officers and physicians the general public usually neglects to take those precautions which would diminish and prevent this disease so fatal to young children.

The contagion of scarlet fever is spread principally from the discharges of the nose and throat, and the acts responsible for the transmission of the disease from the sick to the well are those which are common in every-day life, particularly among children, namely, kissing, the use of the common drinking cup and common towel, placing in the mouth articles such as lead pencils, candy, apples and the like which have been previously placed in the mouth or infected with the nose and throat discharges of persons suffering from scarlet fever, or by being sprayed with such discharges in the act of being coughed at or sneezed at.

We possess no specific remedies against scarlet fever. The disease once contracted must run its course. The chief efforts for its control therefore must be directed toward its prevention. The most important means for preventing scarlet fever consist first in the early recognition of the cases as they occur and second in the thorough isolation of those who are sick. The important thing to remember is that a child sick with scarlet fever who is thoroughly isolated does not transmit the disease. This isolation must be carried out for a minimum period of six weeks or longer if the mucous membranes of the nose and throat are not thoroughly healed by that time. Safe and thorough isolation in the home however is rather difficult to accomplish and is usually impossible in over-crowded city districts.

Our chief reliance therefore for public control of scarlet fever lies first in the provision for adequate contagious disease hospitals where all the measures for the isolation of scarlet fever can be properly carried out; second, in the prompt reporting by physicians of scarlet fever cases; third, in providing a sufficient number of inspectors and visiting nurses in health departments for the purpose of visiting the homes where scarlet fever cases occur and seeing that proper sanitary precaution in regard to isolation are observed, and fourth, adequate systems of medical supervision of school children, the abolition of the common drinking cup, the common towel, the common slate and lead pencil in all our schools. While the habit of putting things in the mouth is instinctive in children, parents should early teach their children that the only things that properly belong in the mouth are food and drink. The danger of such practices as [illegible] pencils, etc., and the like in the mouth, exchanging bites of candy and apples among children and similar practices should be one of the first features of the child's education.

BOY IS ELECTROCUTED

Climbs a Pole and is Killed by a Live Wire.

SOMERSET, Nov. 19.—Climbing a pole of the Consolidation Coal Company at Acosta on which is suspended a transformer that reduces electric current from [illegible] to 120 volts, Christian Drung, a Polish lad 17 years old, was electrocuted. When other lads found the body a short time later it was suspended from two wires that led to the box and which had become entwined about one of his feet in the lad's struggles to free himself. Death was evidently instantaneous. Curiosity is blamed for his being on the pole.

After the current had been shut off a number of young men climbed the pole and released Drung's body which was lowered to the ground. There was no signs of life and restorative measures failed.

The unfortunate lad had been employed by the Consolidation Coal Company for some time. A brother, Frank Drung, also works for the company and is believed to be the boy's only immediate relative in America. His parents remain in the old country.

THEY MISS DISHES

Ladies of Y. M. C. A. Complain That Articles Are Disappearing.

Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. are complaining that their stock of dishes is gradually decreasing and to such an extent that they fear they will have none at all in a short time.

After each public supper given in the Y. M. C. A. it is the custom of those in charge of the kitchen to permit the members to place the dishes in their own baskets and take the baskets home with every intention of returning them in a short time.

The latter is the ladies' intentions are not always carried out and the auxiliary members say that they could locate a number of dishes if they chose to. Feeling a natural reluctance to speak of the matter to the women in question the press has been asked to publish a gentle reminder in the hope that the strayed china will be promptly returned.

KILLED BY A CAR

Oliphant Man Runs Upon Tracks and is Struck.

Running on the tracks of the West Penn railway directly in front of a car, Charles W. Wilson of Oliphant Furnace was almost instantly killed at Oliphant Siding last Wednesday [illegible]. He was taken to [illegible] Uniontown but his life was extinct before he reached there.

Wilson is the third member of his family to meet a violent death. Fifteen years ago his father was run over by a train [illegible] and about a year ago his brother, Jesse Wilson, was blown to pieces in an explosion of the [illegible] powder mill at Oliphant.

BOARD OF HEALTH LEARNS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL WILL OPEN

Rev. J. T. Burns Announces Resumption of Sessions Monday.

DECISION FOLLOWS CONFERENCE

City Authorities Believe Closing of Rooms Will Not Check Scarlet Fever Spread; Physician Defends Colleague Who Recommended Closing.

As a result of the conference between Rev. J. T. Burns and Dr. [illegible] Francis, president of the board of health, the former decided that the parochial school would be opened on Monday morning. It was closed Wednesday because of scarlet fever and at a meeting of the board that afternoon it was decided that if the schools are closed the Immaculate Conception church should be closed also. Father Burns was out of town when the schools were closed and he declared that neither he nor his assistant, Rev. William Merz, thought such action was necessary but at the advice of Dr. [illegible] it was done.

The school has been thoroughly fumigated by Health Officer [illegible] since it was closed. Efforts will be made to keep a close quarantine in families where the disease exists. No new cases have developed [illegible] none has been reported since Wednesday. There are now [illegible] under quarantine.

Dr. Francis stated today that if the public is really in earnest [illegible] scarlet fever it will aid the board of health by keeping a strict quarantine. Children in families where the disease is discovered must not go to school even if they are taken away from the home to that of a relative, and neither must children who are recovering from the disease or other children in the house be allowed to go to school and be mingling with their companions who are well.

This is the only way the doctor declares to check [illegible]. It is not possible to maintain a [illegible] quarantine [illegible] the parents.

That the action of the board of health does not meet with the unanimous approval of physicians was indicated by [illegible] who strongly defended the action of Dr. [illegible] in recommending the closing of the parochial school.

[illegible] The danger from scarlet fever largely rests in the mingling with other children on the part of a youngster who is in the first stages of the disease. [illegible] scarlet fever [illegible]

I believe Dr. [illegible] was [illegible] of the disease [illegible] quarantine regulations [illegible]. That is the law of the [illegible] health. I have known [illegible] when the [illegible] has [illegible].

As for the statement of the health officer that physicians have been guilty of advising patients not to observe quarantine regulations, the board of health [illegible] physician [illegible] has the right [illegible] should be punished. This is the only way [illegible] quarantine will ever be made effective.

That scarlet fever [illegible] was shown yesterday [illegible] eight years and six months old from the effects of the disease. The child was taken ill [illegible]. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas [illegible] Kearns.

HOME IS DESTROYED

J. I. Coughenour of [illegible] Loses Nearly All His Furniture.

Both South Connellsville and Connellsville fire departments responded to a fire at the home of J. I. Coughenour on [illegible] Thursday. The flames illuminated the sky in the north for about 15 minutes giving the appearance that there was a big blaze on the South Side. The house, a small wooden structure, was totally destroyed with most of the furnishings.

The South Connellsville fire department was the first to respond, a number of girls proving themselves [illegible] helping drag the chemical truck out the road to the fire. By the time they arrived the house was burning fiercely and it was found impossible to save the building. Their efforts were directed toward preventing the fire from catching [illegible] neighbors who had formed a bucket brigade were unable to be of any service.

The Connellsville fire truck made a good run to the fire but South Connellsville had done all that was possible before they arrived. A few pieces of furniture were all that was saved.

The family was away at the time. On their return they were taken in by neighbors. The origin is a mystery.

"BOB" BURDETTE DIES

Famous Humorist Native of Greene County Had Been Ill Two Years.

PASADENA, Cal., Nov. 20.—Dr. Robert J. Burdette, preacher, author and humorist, died at his home here yesterday afternoon. He had been ill for the greater part of two years and for the last week had been in a state of coma.

Although Burdette [illegible] Greene County [illegible] which he was born in 1844 [illegible] part of his life was spent in [illegible] and

COUNTY INSTITUTE WILL OPEN SESSION ON DECEMBER 21

Superintendent Carroll Announces Principal Speakers for Big Teachers Meeting.

County Superintendent John S. Carroll has about completed plans for the annual teachers institute of Fayette county which convenes Monday, December 21 in Uniontown for a week's session. The indications are that the institute will be the best ever held. Teachers all over the county are planning to attend. They will receive $[illegible] each day for attendance but they forfeit the same amount each day for non-attendance. The institute will formally open with the registration of teachers Monday morning, December 21.

Among the instructors are some of the most prominent educators in the country. They are Nathan C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of education; [illegible] Superintendent [illegible] W. Wright of Uniontown; Dr. H. C. Minnich of Oxford, O.; [illegible] Mrs. Maud MacDonald of Columbus, and Miss Gertrude S. King of Pittsburg [illegible] Professor George Phillips of Uniontown is pianist. [illegible]

[illegible]

President, John S. Carroll [illegible] Dunbar township [illegible] supervising principal North Union township [illegible] Springhill township [illegible] township.

[illegible]

JURORS ARE SCARCE

Number Required on Views Causes a Shortage in Somerset.

SOMERSET, Nov. [illegible].—[illegible]

COMPLAIN OF WATER

Hardness Causes Use of More Soap Than Usual Say Housewives.

Though no action was taken by the board of health or any body at the meeting last week [illegible] the water [illegible] people [illegible] in no uncertain terms.

That the chemicals used to precipitate in the filtration plant are giving the drinking water a bad taste was one of the criticisms [illegible] which came from Dr. W. [illegible] is that housewives complain that they have to use at least twice as much laundry soap than ever before and [illegible] considerable [illegible] soften the water.

The water company officials claim that the use of alum and lime to remove the impurities in the water is legitimate in view of the likelihood of impurities during the low stages of the river. An excess quantity of lime is being used this time.

SELECT MEMORIAL ORATOR

McKeesport Man Will Deliver Eulogy for Elks This Year.

Connellsville Lodge of Elks has secured a splendid speaker to make the memorial address at the annual memorial exercises in the Soisson theatre on Sunday, November [illegible]. [illegible] A. Morgan of McKeesport, a prominent figure in Elks circles, has consented to speak here.

Mr. Morgan has been giving memorial addresses for some years and everywhere he has been hailed with such acclaim that at least a dozen lodges were endeavoring to secure him. [illegible] Connellsville was successful however.

A committee is at work arranging a program of musical numbers. The decorations this year will be especially elaborate.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

REGISTER AND CLERK'S NOTICE

The following Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register and Clerk of Orphans' Court and the same will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans' Court of Fayette County at the Court House, Uniontown, Pa., **Monday, December 7, 1914.**

No.	Estate of	Accountant	Filed
1	Hannah [illegible]	Clara Armbling, Exrx	July 17, 1914
2	[illegible]	John Duggan, Admr	Aug 11, 1914
3	Joseph [illegible]	Francis C. [illegible], Exr	Aug 25, 1914
4	John W. [illegible]	[illegible], Admr [illegible]	Sept 4, 1914
5	[illegible] Colbert	Joseph N. Colbert, Admr c t a	Sept 28, 1914
6	[illegible]	[illegible], Exrs	Oct 20, 1914
7	John H. [illegible]	David W. [illegible], Admr	Oct 21, 1914
8	[illegible]	Owen R. [illegible], Exr	Oct 20, 1914
9	[illegible]	Citizens Title & Trust Co., Gdn	Oct 22, 1914
10	William H. Hopkins	Harry Hopkins, Admr	Oct 28, 1914
11	[illegible] Hopkins	Harry Hopkins, Exr	Oct 28, 1914
12	William [illegible]	J. S. [illegible], Admr	Oct 21, 1914
13	Mary A. Heath	Joseph A. Heath, Trust	Oct 30, 1914
14	[illegible]	John L. Ward, Admr	Oct 31, 1914
15	Edward [illegible]	[illegible] Munson, Trustee	Oct 31, 1914
16	[illegible]	Hampton C. May, Trustee	Oct 31, 1914
17	[illegible]	Joseph [illegible], Admr	Oct [illegible], 1914
18	[illegible]	Alva Myers and [illegible] Myers, Admrs	Oct 30, 1914
19	[illegible]	Samuel [illegible]	Nov [illegible], 1914
20	[illegible]	John Newton and Frank L. Moore	Nov 7, 1914
21	[illegible]	[illegible], Admrs	Nov 5, 1914
22	[illegible]	[illegible], Trust	Nov 7, 1914
23	[illegible]	William and [illegible], Exrs	Nov [illegible], 1914
24	Elizabeth [illegible]	Martin [illegible], Substitution	Nov 7, 1914
25	[illegible]	W. A. Edmiston, M. R. Jacobs, S. S. Graham, Trustees	Nov 7, 1914
26	[illegible]	[illegible], Exrs	Nov 6, 1914
27	[illegible]	[illegible], Admr	Nov 6, 1914
28	[illegible]	Samuel [illegible], Exr	Nov 6, 1914

CHARLES O. SCHROYER,
Register and Clerk of Orphans' Court, Uniontown, Pa., December 7, 1914.

AUDIT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the above accounts will be taken up for audit and distribution before James C. Work, [illegible] Judge of the Orphans' Court of Fayette County, at the Court House at 10 o'clock on each of the days [illegible] on Monday, December 21, 1914; Nos. 10 to 18 inclusive, on Tuesday [illegible] Nos. [illegible] on Wednesday, December 23, 1914, which cases will be called [illegible] at which time and place creditors, heirs and all other [illegible] and present their claims against the said estate or forever be barred [illegible].

CHARLES O. SCHROYER,
Clerk of Orphans' Court

TELEPHONE COMPANY REPLIES TO SUITS OVER BOGUS STOCK

Alleges Wholesale Raising of Its Certificates by Defaulter.

NEW ECHO OF BERKELY SCANDAL

Some of the Stock It is Alleged Was Raised From Few Shares to Many While Others Were Forged and Are Entirely Worthless, It is Said.

SOMERSET, Nov. [illegible].—[illegible] with banks [illegible] their reputation and [illegible] the bank [illegible] West [illegible]

Another answer says that the certificate [illegible] with D. Valentine Hay [illegible] the Somerset County calling for 180 shares [illegible] 1,000 [illegible]

The company claims the certificates in which the following [illegible] Trust Company of Christian [illegible] loan of $7,000 [illegible] National Bank [illegible] $1,00 [illegible] 10 shares [illegible]

[illegible] answers [illegible] shares [illegible] $2,000 [illegible] one share [illegible] Trust & Mortgage Company of Johnstown [illegible] $2,100 [illegible] 12 shares [illegible] one share; [illegible] Summit township, loan of $1,000, 20 shares raised from one [illegible] William [illegible] of Berlin [illegible] loan of $1,000 [illegible] 00 shares [illegible] three shares; First National Bank of Stoystown, loan of $2,[illegible]00, 110 shares raised from [illegible] that Citizens' National Bank of Windber, loan of $1,500, 20 shares raised from two shares.

Between [illegible] and [illegible] other certificates exploited by Berkeley on which suit has not yet been brought but which are known by the company to exist are included in the aggregate of Berkeley's manipulations. In addition to the $8,000 secured by Berkeley on the phoney stock collateral the records show that he left mortgages totaling between $7,000 and $50,000 as [illegible].

The telephone company before filing answers in the equity suits the telephone company had the alleged certificates examined by handwriting experts. In the answers the company tenders the holders of certificates that were raised new certificates for the number of shares that were originally issued to Berkeley. They ask the court to permit further examination of the stock upon [illegible] of the cases when they desire to have experts apply chemical tests to the papers.

The telephone company several weeks ago offered a reward of $500 for the apprehension of Berkeley.

Berkeley's downfall it is generally understood was due to speculation in bucket shops which he hoped to make good and redeem all the telephone certificates put up as collateral but the market went wrong and he was unable to handle his immense indebtedness.

The telephone company this morning filed another answer to a suit that Mrs. Emma Berkeley, wife of the [illegible] man who claims $106 is due her as dividends on 14 shares of stock. The company claims Mrs. Berkeley was only [illegible] shares and [illegible] is not convinced that these are legitimate. The company further alleges that Mrs. Berkeley has been [illegible] dividends to the extent of [illegible] and is indebted to the company in that amount.

WINTER CLOTHING

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene
by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D.,
LL. D., Commissioner
of Health

The season has arrived when the thoughtful housewife gets out her husband's flannels and her own, and, fortunately, many people dress according to the calendar and if the weather happens to be unseasonable so much the worse for the weather.

Winter means heavy clothes and too often heavy underclothes. Of course the question of the occupation of the individual is a factor in winter dress, but the great majority of people spend their time in steam heated homes and offices where the temperature is little lower in winter than in summer.

For those who live or work in a temperature of from 68 to 70 degrees [illegible] the wearing of heavy underclothes is not only fraught with considerable discomfort but it is apt to lead to colds. To keep the skin dry and to ventilate it are the two necessary requisites in sensible and healthful dressing of the body.

A certain amount of respiration is constantly going on through the pores of the skin to equalize the body heat. If the underclothing is too heavy and [illegible] no proper [illegible] sufficient circulation of the air. An excess of heat or a little unusual exercise will cause perspiration and in this condition there is exposure to cold; the overheated pores [illegible] become [illegible].

When some circulation of air is permitted perspiration is disposed of by evaporation and the skin remains dry. Old people, babies and those with weak hearts should always be clothed with thin woolen underwear [illegible] they may be kept warm and the [illegible]. In going from warm indoor temperature into the cold air heavy outside garments should be worn which can be taken off on entering the heated rooms.

It is becoming more and more the custom for indoor workers to wear lighter weight undergarments in winter and to depend more upon their outer clothing to protect them from the cold when exposed.

PUBLIC WILL PAY

Insurance Premiums to be Increased Amount of the War Tax.

Insurance agents have received notice that the war tax regulation which provides for an assessment of one-half cent on every dollar of fire insurance premium will be effective on December 1.

The policyholders' premiums will be increased a few cents to meet the tax.

ONE DEAD AND THREE INJURED; TWO HOUSES BURN

Fire at Scottdale Causes Death of Three Year Old Child.

BIG BUILDING IS DESTROYED

Family of Six Made Homeless and Little Boy's Body is Found in the Ruins; Scottdale Firemen Fight the Flames on Winter's Coldest Night.

SCOTTDALE, Nov. 21.—A child burned to death, another seriously burned, the father and a neighbor burned and cut and two buildings destroyed was the record of a fire of last night about 9:30. In the bitter cold of the first real touch of winter a crowd of several hundred people saw the firemen put up a game fight against the flames.

The fire started in the long butcher shop and dwelling of Joseph Salonkiewcz, the first house in North Scottdale along the road going from Ruth's planing mill and on the left as the West Penn railway drops from over the bridge at Broadway and turns up the Swedetown road. The fire seems to have started about the middle of the building according to a number of young men who were along there and who did valiant work in getting stuff out of the building before the firemen arrived.

Meanwhile the family was being gathered together and six children were gotten out and huddled on a mattress outside. In some way it appears Michael, three years old, was left in the building. The father was dreadfully burned about the arms and face, his coat being burned off him in trying to rescue the child. He was taken to the office of Dr. W. H. Potter. Koval, the neighbor, was cut about the face and hand by broken glass while he was trying to save his property.

The fire had such a start, the wind was blowing so strongly, the firemen had to lay such a long line of hose and the pressure for some time was so poor that the first building burned and then the house of Stephen Koval next to it was burned and a row of houses much endangered.

Salonkiewcz's loss is about $2,700, partly covered by insurance, while Koval's loss is $2,000, also partly covered by insurance. The battle with the fire was one of the hardest the firemen have had in years, the wind and cold being intense.

The first endeavors it is said were given to getting the goods out of the store and house and with them the children, but in some way the three-year-old son was missed. When this was discovered there was an awful scene among the women about the place. The mother tried to get in but could not. The father made two attempts and in the second almost lost his life, his coat being burned from him and arms, neck and face being burned. One of the little girls was also badly burned. She and her father were sent to the Mount Pleasant Hospital. The child was recovered and the remains brought to William Ferguson's for burial.

THEFTS ARE ALLEGED

B. & O. Police Believe They Have Gang Which Has Robbed Railroad.

In arresting six members of the family of Nathan Weingold of Cumberland the Baltimore & Ohio police believe that they have broken up an organized plot to defraud the road of thousands of dollars. Stealing brass and other even more serious crimes are to be preferred against the prisoners and against others still to be arrested.

Nathan Weingold, the father, who is a junk dealer, at one time lived in Meyersdale and was in trouble there before he left. The arrest was made through the investigation of Detective McCarron, who lived with the Weingolds while collecting evidence against them.

Is Refused a Pardon

John DeLorenzo, of Vanderbilt, serving a 20-year sentence for murder, has been refused a pardon by the State Pardon Board. A hearing on the case last week was continued. DeLorenzo was convicted of second degree murder on April 4, 1914.

COMMUTER FARES BEING INCREASED BY THE RAILROADS

By First of Year All Railroads Will Have Boosted Rates.

ENCOURAGED BY COMMISSION

Traffic Official Shows That Service Has Been Increased and Equipment Improved to Great Degree Over Those When the Rates Were Fixed

BALTIMORE Nov 19—By the first of the year it is expected that commutation rates on steam railroads will be advanced throughout the country in line with a general plan which the roads have under way to raise the fares for all classes of passenger travel to a level in keeping with the improvement and extension of service which has been made since this class of traffic was developed

It became known today that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is preparing and within a few days will file tariffs with the Public Service Commission of Maryland and the Interstate Commerce Commission advancing the commutation rates in the territory contiguous to Baltimore Washington and Philadelphia Similar action will be taken in other localities It was also learned

In rearranging the basis of passenger service charges the railroads have secured the moral support of the Interstate Commerce Commission in its opinion that greater revenues might be obtained by increasing the charges and in line with such suggestion the roads in different sections of the country advanced the rate on mileage books as well as on through tickets and individual tickets These increase charges were permitted to become effective without suspension by the commission

At the same time charges for shipping milk were advanced just recently in central passenger association territory when the roads put in service sanitary refrigerator cars to handle the business

In justification of the advance in commutation travel a traffic official of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad contends that the rates were found to be so low in view of improvements in service addition of more expensive equipment and other increased expense during recent years that the carriers were confronted with one of two alternatives that they advance the charges slightly or that the commuter service be curtailed to hold down the expense It was believed that such radical retrenchments in service would have been necessary that the public would be willing to pay the increased charges rather than have the trains taken off

The position taken by the Baltimore & Ohio is that the commuter rates at present in effect were based on charges for greatly inferior service when they were fixed 40 years ago and in some instances were made low to aid in suburban development but that while the service has been supplemented by more trains run on faster schedules and with better equipment in many instances the volume of traffic has decreased while trolley lines and motor vehicles have made inroads into the revenue

The filing of the new tariffs will call for changes in certain of the regulations now in effect with respect to commuter service The number of tickets which will be issued in blocks is to be changed to conform with what the railroads believe to be the convenience of the public Tickets calling for 100 and 180 trips at any time within the year will be discontinued although regular commutation will be only slightly changed in some instances The reason given by the railroads for doing away with the yearly tickets is that they are in effect discriminatory because the occasional traveler should not be entitled to a reduction in rates simply because he has the ready cash with which to buy a greater number of tickets at one time The railroad holds that this form of tickets is becoming obsolete from year to year and that on account of trolley lines good roads etc but few of them are still sold

Preparatory to the filing of the new tariffs the railroads are placing the plan before the commuters in order that the reasons may be understood In some localities protests have been made by community associations business organizations and individuals This first took definite form in Philadelphia other communities having followed the initiative of that city

One of the arguments used by the railroads to support the proposed advance is that the commuter rates by the steam lines have been lower than the trolleys in many communities both as to distance and the charge for service performed

AFTER PROJECTILE STEEL

Some Orders Have Already Reached Pittsburg District

Orders for projectile steel or steel for making projectiles to be used in the present European war are finding their way into Pittsburg

Part of a large order for this steel has been already placed and certain plants are running on the tonnage It is expected that if the steel proves satisfactory other orders will follow and all told there is in prospect about 15,000 tons of this material It will be rolled in rounds by bar mills The metal has to be specially tempered and is highly carborized From these bars, which will be 3½ inches in diameter, will be made the projectiles for large guns

According to officials interested the general order if placed will be closed up within the next few weeks and will be one of the largest ever placed in the country

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COAL COMPANY SUED

Pumping of Water From Creek Results in Damages Being Asked

SOMERSET Nov 19—A sequel of this fall's disastrous drouth is a suit for damages filed in the equity court of Somerset county today by Minnie J Alwine and her husband Jeremiah Alwine prominent Conemaugh township agriculturalists in which the United Coal Company is named as defendant The company is charged with interfering with the riparian rights of the plaintiffs by pumping water from Benscreek five miles above the plaintiffs' 51 acre farm It is alleged that the company conveys the water from the stream through a 6-inch pipe thereby diminishing the flow to such an extent that not sufficient water reaches their land to supply their domestic needs and irrigating a truck and dairy farm

The Alwines assert that they purchased their tract on March 31 1909 and that it fronts 2,000 feet or more on Benscreek The United Coal Company operates mines at Jerome When the company commenced the construction of a pipe line to the creek last fall the plaintiffs say they expected that the taking of the water from the stream in large quantity would cause them injury and accordingly served notice on the coal company to stop work They were informed by the company it is contended that the flow of the stream would not be diminished but since the pump has been started immense quantities of water are being taken from the creek and the plaintiffs are sustaining irreparable damage

The plaintiffs deny the defendant the legal right to take the water and assert that the company has not the right of eminent domain to condemn the water

FARES GOING UP

Ticket Agents Announce Increases in Traveling Rates

Forerunners of advances in passenger rates over the roads entering Connellsville have been received in advance notices to agents and it is believed that there will be a general increase in rates to eastern and western points

Beginning on December 1 the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad will [illegible] a quarter cent a mile on fares to all points in Michigan Ohio Indiana and Illinois This will be a considerable increase in the fare to Chicago which will be $12.09 instead of $10.89 an increase of $1.20 Similar increases to eastern points are expected to be announced soon

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad will discontinue its [illegible] class tickets on December 1 These tickets were chiefly used by foreigners going east and they entitled the holders to ride in the smoking car A reduction of $1 [illegible] from Pittsburg to New York was allowed on the second class tickets

The Pennsylvania railroad recently announced that most of its [illegible] rate commutation tickets would not be sold after December 1 [illegible] of mileage from two to two and a quarter cents a mile

COKE IN DEMAND

Shipment Will Soon Leave Baltimore for Mexico

The American Smelting & Refining Company is [illegible] a cargo of coke to be shipped from Baltimore for the company's operations in Mexico The cargo [illegible] 000 tons will be shipped to Vera Cruz and transported inland from there

It is unofficially reported that this fuel is being supplied by the Consolidated Connellsville and the South Connellsville coke companies [illegible] all of the larger concerns [illegible] they had no knowledge of the contract being consummated

The American Smelting & Refining Company asked for prices on 1,000 tons from the Southern Connellsville concern in which several Connellsville men are interested [illegible] on 30 tons monthly covering a period of one year

BUSINESS DULL

Railroads Are Placing No Orders for Equipment

Railroad purchases of equipment are the lightest in many years according to supply men and railroad officials with little prospect of any improvement in buying of rails locomotives or cars by domestic roads On the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania in the Shire Oaks yards more than 100 engines are stored on sidetracks boarded up for the winter and many of these are the newest engines of the company

Other branches of the Pennsylvania and other roads running into Pittsburg have stored material correspondingly with little chance for its use in the next several months

WILL BOOST FARE

B & O Given Right to Raise New York-Chicago Charge

WASHINGTON Nov 14—Authority was granted to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the Central railroad of New Jersey by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to charge a higher rate on through passenger tickets from New York City to the west than the aggregate of intermediate fares to certain designated points

The through fares in any event are not to exceed those established by the Pennsylvania railroad between such points The fares thus adjusted will be on the basis of 2½ cents a mile

MORE MEN LAID OFF

Local Freight Crew is Furloughed on Baltimore & Ohio

In spite of the fact that business conditions are brighter than before the election the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is continuing its radical policy of retrenchment The Pittsburg division payroll is the latest to be slashed

One of the two local freight crews which has been running on the west end out of Connellsville has been laid off and a single crew will handle the work that has been done by two until further notice

VOTE BIG FUND

B & O Stockholders Approve $600,000,000 Financing Plan

By a vote of 1,52[illegible] of a total of 2,108,849 shares or 72½ per cent of the stock outstanding the stockholders of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad stamped their approval at the annual meeting held yesterday upon the proposed new refunding improvement mortgage of $600,000,000 recommended by the president and directorate

This mortgage will refund the present bonded indebtedness which totals about $348,000,000 and provides for future financial requirements of the company

The directors of the company [illegible] ward R Harriman Robert Garrett W Averell Harriman [illegible] Robert Keyser L F Loree Oscar G Murray Charles A Peabody Norman B Ream John C Shee[illegible] James Speyer and Felix M Warburg were re-elected and the vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of James Stillman was filled by the election of J Pierpont Morgan of New York

Approval was also voted by the [illegible]

MAKE PLEA FOR AID

Roscoe Miners Have Been Idle Since June 26

With the spirit of giving [illegible] the distressed [illegible] an appeal has come to the people of Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania from sufferers [illegible] through no fault of their own [illegible] charity [illegible] themselves and their families [illegible] starvation

[illegible] the richest in the world

[illegible]

NEW SWITCH INSTALLED

Automatic Device Will Save Work For South Connellsville Crew

[illegible]

If the switch [illegible] South Connellsville [illegible] down the [illegible]

The [illegible] device [illegible] will save [illegible] Connellsville the trouble of getting out to adjust the switch

The type of switch which was installed under the direction of [illegible] Pittsburgh and [illegible] Cartwright [illegible] in use successfully at [illegible] points on the West Penn lines

14 KILLED A DAY

That Is Toll for Failure to Enact Trespass Laws

CHICAGO Nov 11—Railroads of the nation kill 5,000 persons annually in violation of 14 every day because there are no laws penalizing trespassing on railroad tracks R C Richards general claim agent of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad told delegates attending the eighth conference of the Western Economic Society here today His address was on Railway Accidents and Safety First

I think it is conservative to say that it would cost the states counties and municipalities less to enact and enforce trespass laws than it does to pick up and bury the dead hold inquests on the bodies and care for the cripples Mr Richards said

FURNACES IDLE

Stacks Being Blown Out Because Orders Are Scarce

The second last furnace at the Shoenberger works of the American Steel & Wire Company Pittsburg has been blown out and both of these stacks are now idle The officials of the plant state that the suspension is due to a lack of orders

The Pressed Steel Car Company's works at McKees Rocks are operating at from 15 to 20 per cent of capacity according to officials of that company

The Carnegie Steel Company reported 21 of its 59 blast furnaces in operation which means a loss of two idle stacks since the last report was made

Will Charge for Schedules

After January 1 anybody who wants a railroad folder may be charged one or two cents [illegible] a publication that has been handed out free for generations

WAR MAKES BUSINESS

Pittsburg Mills Now at Work on Special Orders

Orders for special steel for projectiles and other forms of ammunition [illegible] European nations [illegible] the first announcement of contracts and it was stated that no less than three Pittsburg plants will soon be running on similar orders totaling about 27,000 tons [illegible] The buyers are ready to place considerable additional tonnage as soon as the present orders have been completed and shipped The present tonnage must be delivered to the seaboard by the middle of January

The orders [illegible] presented on a tonnage basis would not amount to much [illegible] producer's standpoint but because of the special analysis of the steel demanded the process of the manufacture is necessarily slow

In connection with this [illegible]

OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILE

Transportation and Banking Facilities Must First Be Arranged

Francis [illegible] merchant and [illegible] banker of Santiago Chile who has [illegible] his views of American trade opportunities in his country [illegible]

[illegible]

PLANTS RESUME

Plants in West Virginia Opening or Increasing Operations

[illegible]

SEES BRIGHT FUTURE

Head of Wire Concern Anticipates an Early Revival

[illegible]

SLASHING EXPENSES

Baltimore & Ohio Has Pared $5,000 a Month From Payroll

Word has been received here that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has made a [illegible] of $5,000 a month in [illegible] Operators clerks switchmen and other employes have been laid off [illegible]

[illegible] machinists and helpers were laid off in the Baltimore & Ohio shops yesterday but it is only temporarily

PRESSED STEEL CAR

Officials Report Increase in Orders and Inquiries, Better Outlook

The Pressed Steel Car Company has issued a statement [illegible] better outlook [illegible] books

Our shops are to be kept operating as full as possible said a representative of the company There seems to be a better tone in the business outlook than there has been for some time We have recently received a number of orders and inquiries

FIRES MORE OVENS

Poland Company Now Has 65 of 150 Ovens in Blast

Announcement has been made that on Friday the Poland Coal & Coke Company fired [illegible] more ovens Practically all the ovens of the company had been idle for some time With the 30 started Friday there are now 65 ovens out of 150 now in operation

The ovens are located at Poland at the mouth of Dunkard creek on an extension of the Monongahela railroad running into West Virginia

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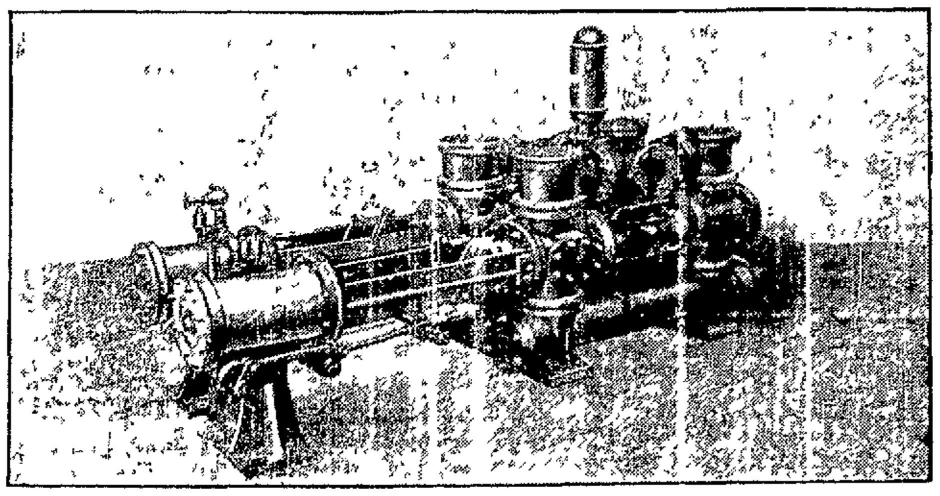

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MILLS RESUMING

Five Thousand Men are Given Employment at Gary Plants

CHICAGO Nov 16—Five thousand men [illegible] the United States Steel Corporation at Gary Ind [illegible] will [illegible] increased business conditions warrant

During the last week several hundred men who have been idle for two months returned to work in the [illegible] mills at Indiana Harbor [illegible] and East Chicago

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Colonial Coke Company, Smock	100	Struthers Coal & Coke Co., Fairbank Works	300

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